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From virus outbreaks to rapidly changing rulings by the Florida Department of Education, Florida high schools were prepared for just about anything at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. What they were not expecting, however, was artificial intelligence invading the classroom.

Students were split on the issue of deciding whether or not using AI was worth the risk. “I think it can be a powerful resource if used correctly. But I also think in school, it can be hard because a lot of students are using it for assignments,” said Meri Kovac (12) in reference to ChatGPT, an internet AI platform. “But it can be a good tool to give you some ideas about how to organize your writing,” she said. Kovac also recommended using artificial intelligence for inspiration and guidance, especially in the college essay writing process.

“I was at this talk with this Google guy,” said Aiden Aysun (11). “And he was talking about machine learning.” Aysun, a member of the robotics team, has a special interest in artificial intelligence and how it is affecting the computer science industry. “It was mainly about software at Google, but his presentation had images he made just from asking AI, which is pretty cool,” he said.

For students like Kovac and Aysun, ChatGPT provides an intriguing preview of what artificial intelligence has to offer. “I think it would open up a lot of opportunities,” said Aysun. However, they are also aware of its downsides. “I feel like people are going to lose their social interaction just by using AI, people are going to become more isolated,” he said. As artificial intelligence becomes a part of daily life, students will be faced with a decision whether to trust this new resource or be wary of its uncertainty.