

AI Safety Readiness Matrix for Schools

An assessment tool for educational institutions to evaluate their AI safety preparedness

	Awareness	Application	Advancement
Policy	Basic awareness of AI issues; no formal, written policies exist.	Draft AI use policies are under development; some informal guidelines are in place.	Comprehensive, board-approved AI policies are fully implemented, regularly updated, and all staff are trained on them.
Education	AI literacy is not formally part of the curriculum; teacher knowledge is ad-hoc and varies widely.	Some AI concepts are integrated into specific subjects; initial teacher training has begun.	AI literacy and ethics are embedded across the curriculum; comprehensive professional development is ongoing for all educators.
Technology	Basic device and network controls are in place, but there are no AI-specific protections or vetting processes.	Specific AI tools have been approved for educational use; some monitoring and filtering systems are in place.	A comprehensive AI safety infrastructure exists, including vetted tools, advanced content filters, and regular security audits.
Culture	Conversations about AI are rare and typically reactive, only occurring after an incident.	Staff and students engage in regular conversations about AI; there are some proactive efforts to identify problems.	AI safety is a core part of the school's digital citizenship culture; open reporting systems are trusted and used by students.

This matrix serves as a roadmap for schools to effectively gauge their AI readiness across various domains.