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A REVIEW OF HOW THE USE OF CHATGPT IN LEARNING AFFECTS STUDENT WELL-BEING

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This article provides a review of the current relations between the use of ChatGPT for learning and student well-being. ChatGPT is an Al-based chatbot that can be used to assist students in their learning. It can provide personalized learning recommendations, answer questions, and offer feedback on assignments. However, the impact of using ChatGPT on student well-being can vary depending on several factors.

Keywords: student well-being, ChatGPT, modern Al-enhanced technology, learning, policymaking, social environment, academic engagement

Firstly, the design and implementation of ChatGPT can affect the student's experience. If the chatbot is poorly designed or implemented, it can cause frustration or confusion, which can negatively impact the student's well-being. On the other hand, a well-designed chatbot that is easy to use and provides helpful feedback can enhance the student's learning experience and overall well-being. Secondly, the student's perception of ChatGPT can also affect their well-being. If the student views ChatGPT as a helpful tool that enhances their learning experience, it can lead to positive emotions and a sense of accomplishment. However, if the student sees ChatGPT as a replacement for human interaction or as a means of surveillance, it can lead to negative emotions such as anxiety or fear. Lastly, the role of ChatGPT in the overall learning environment can also impact student well-being. If ChatGPT is used as a supplement to traditional teaching methods and provides additional support, it can enhance the student's learning experience and improve their wellbeing. However, if ChatGPT is used as a replacement for human teachers or as the sole means of learning, it can lead to a sense of isolation and disconnection from the learning experience.

This article analyzes the impact of using ChatGPT on student well-being depending on several factors such as design, implementation, perception, and role in the overall learning environment. When designed and implemented well, and used

as a supplement to traditional teaching methods, ChatGPT can enhance the student's learning experience and improve their well-being.

ChatGPT, an Al-based chatbot, is a term used to describe the use of OpenAl's GPT language model for conversational purposes. ChatGPT has experienced unprecedented growth and is considered the fastest-growing service in the history of the internet. In February 2023, it surpassed 100 million users, highlighting the popularity and potential impact of Al-powered chatbots in providing accessible and personalized support to individuals seeking information and guidance on a range of topics [8]. The debate about appropriate screen time for young adults continues to rage on among educators, psychologists, and parents. However, the emerging technology, in the form of artificial intelligence and machine learning, is beginning to transform educational tools and institutions, and is changing the landscape of education for the future [9].

ChatGPT as a learning tool can provide students with instant access to information and resources, answer their questions, and engage them in interactive activities, and can be used to supplement traditional learning methods and provide personalized support to students [3]. Al can be used to track student behavior and identify early signs of stress, anxiety, or other mental health issues, which then can be used to provide targeted interventions and support to students. Al can also be used to personalize learning, providing students with tailored resources and activities based on their individual needs and strengths (The Educator, 2023) [12]. Additionally, Al can facilitate assessments by automating tasks such as grading and providing insights into student performance, which enhances student academic engagement and makes the learning process efficient [11]. There are some popular Al-based tools that can be used to enhance student well-being: for example, Forest is an Al-enhanced productivity app that helps students stay focused and manage their time effectively, which uses gamification techniques to encourage users to stay off their smartphones and concentrate on their tasks. Users grow virtual trees as they avoid distractions, contributing to a sense of accomplishment and improved productivity. Also, Calm is a meditation and sleep app that utilizes AI to deliver guided meditations, relaxation techniques, and sleep stories, which offers a wide range of mindfulness content to reduce stress, improve focus, and promote better sleep. Calm also includes features like breathing exercises, nature sounds, and customizable meditation durations. However, it's important to note that these tools should be used as aids and not as a substitute for professional advice or treatment when necessary.

Up till early 2023, there are ongoing debates regarding whether Al-based chatbots should be used for learning. An article published by the New York Times earlier this year discussed cases of academic cheating involving ChatGPT in college courses, and in response to such incidents, certain schools have gone so far as to completely block access to the technology (Huang, 2023) [5]. The New York City

Department of Education, for instance, has prohibited the use of ChatGPT, citing concerns that it could impede students' learning outcomes [15].

Figure 1 shows that approximately 78% of individuals who use ChatGPT express a high likelihood of recommending the tool to their fellow students.

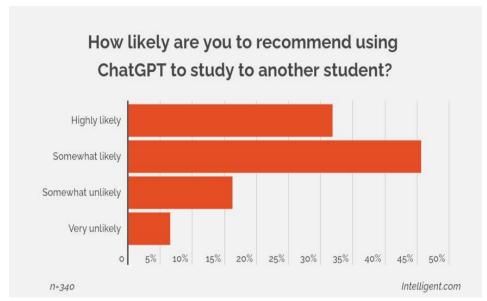


Figure 1. College students responding to their experience studying with ChatGPT during 2022-23 academic year¹.

Despite concerns about academic dishonesty, some educators view ChatGPT as an opportunity rather than a threat. In a recent op-ed published in the LA Times, psychologist Angela Duckworth, PhD, argued against banning the bot, stating that such technologies are here to stay and that instructors should instead learn how to incorporate them into their curricula effectively; and educators can ensure that students are equipped with the tools they need to succeed in a rapidly changing technological landscape [4].

Technology and student well-being

Mental health issues are a growing concern for students, with many academic institutions struggling to provide adequate support and resources, and mental disorders can significantly impair an individual's quality of life and are considered one of the leading causes of disability worldwide [14]. Openly discussing mental health in education is crucial to normalizing it and reassuring young people who may be struggling that they are not alone. By fostering an open and accepting environment

¹ https://www.intelligent.com/one-third-of-college-students-used-chatgpt-for-schoolwork-during-the-2022-23-academic-year/

around mental health, students are more likely to carry these positive attitudes and behaviors forward into their adult lives, ultimately promoting improved mental health and well-being for all. In addition, technology can provide greater accessibility and convenience for students, particularly for those who may be hesitant to seek support in person [6]. Technology is being utilized in various ways to address mental health challenges. Mental health apps, online counseling services, and Al chatbots are some examples of how technology is being used to provide individuals with resources and support to manage their mental health and well-being effectively [1].

Generative AI, including ChatGPT, has the potential to provide scalable support for student well-being. One potential benefit of ChatGPT is that it can engage in personalized discussions with individuals, providing a safe and private context for exploring a wide range of mental health and well-being questions. Although the accuracy and conciseness of its responses are still being evaluated, some argue that a conversation agent like ChatGPT may be more helpful for students than traditional web-based searches in finding relevant information or resources on these topics. Despite its limitations, such as the inability to reference specific sources, ChatGPT has the potential to serve as a useful tool for students seeking information and support regarding mental health and overall well-being [12].

Teachers in Denmark are using mood auditing apps to monitor the emotional well-being of their students, allowing students to regularly rate their mood and alert teachers if they are feeling particularly low or stressed, and helping teachers identify students who may be struggling and provide them with the necessary support. The use of these apps has been well-received by both students and teachers, with many reporting increased communication and a greater sense of community within the classroom; However, some have expressed concerns about the potential for the data to be misused or mishandled [7]. One study showed the implementation of digital technology in schools across multiple countries had worsened a range of issues it was intended to improve, resulting in an overall negative impact on learning outcomes [10].

Technology has the potential to play an important role in addressing student mental health challenges in higher education, but it must be used in conjunction with other forms of support and resources (Kingsley, 2023) [6]. An article from the American Psychological Association highlights the potential benefits of Al, such as improving efficiency, as well as the challenges and ethical considerations associated with Al, such as the potential for bias, privacy concerns, and job displacement, and emphasizes the need for ongoing research, regulation, and collaboration between experts in various fields to ensure that Al is used in an ethical and responsible manner

that benefits society [2]. There are a few examples of how a well-designed ChatGPT can be used by students to improve their well-being²:

Table 1. How a well-designed ChatGPT can be used by students to improve their well being.

Themes	Examples
Mental Health Support: The chatbot can	Student: "I'm feeling really stressed about
provide a safe and confidential space for	my upcoming exams."
students to express their feelings and	ChatGPT: "I understand how exams can be
concerns, which can offer empathetic	stressful. Remember to take breaks,
responses, active listening, and provide	practice deep breathing exercises, and
information about mental health resources	consider reaching out to the counseling
available on campus. For example, the	center for additional support."
chatbot can suggest counseling services,	
self-help articles, or relaxation techniques to	
help manage stress and anxiety.	
Study and Time Management Assistance:	Student: "I'm having trouble staying focused
The chatbot can help students develop	while studying."
effective study habits and time management	ChatGPT: "Maintaining focus can be
skills, which can provide tips on creating	challenging. Have you tried using the
study schedules, prioritizing tasks, and	Pomodoro technique? It involves studying
maintaining focus. Additionally, the chatbot	for 25 minutes, taking a 5-minute break,
can remind students about upcoming	and repeating. It can help improve
deadlines or exams and offer motivational	concentration and productivity."
messages to encourage productivity.	
Goal Setting and Motivation: The chatbot	Student: "I want to improve my public
can assist students in setting personal and	speaking skills."
academic goals, which can engage in goal-	ChatGPT: "That's a great goal! Breaking it
setting conversations, offer guidance on	down, you can start by practicing in front of
breaking goals into actionable steps, and	a mirror, then with a small group of friends,
provide regular check-ins to track progress.	and gradually work your way up to larger
The chatbot can also celebrate achievements	audiences. Remember, progress takes time,
and provide encouragement to keep	so don't be too hard on yourself!"
students motivated.	
Health and Wellness Tips: The chatbot can	Student: "I'm having trouble sleeping at
offer advice and reminders related to	night."
physical health and wellness, which can	

 $^{^2\} https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-chatgpt-can-improve-education-not-threaten-it/$

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provide information about nutrition, exercise, sleep hygiene, and stress reduction techniques. The chatbot can also answer common health-related questions and direct students to appropriate resources or campus health services if needed.

ChatGPT: "Trouble sleeping can be frustrating. Have you tried establishing a bedtime routine? Avoid screens before bed, create a calm environment, and consider relaxation techniques like reading or listening to soothing music. If the problem persists, it might be helpful to consult the campus health center."

It's important to note that while ChatGPT can provide valuable support, it should not replace professional help when needed. It's crucial to incorporate human intervention and ensure that the chatbot encourages students to seek appropriate assistance for serious concerns.

In conclusion, Using ChatGPT in learning provides several potential benefits to students. One advantage is that it can offer personalized learning recommendations based on the student's learning history and performance. By tailoring the learning materials and activities to the student's needs and interests, ChatGPT can increase student engagement and motivation, which can ultimately improve their well-being. Another benefit of ChatGPT is that it can provide immediate feedback on assignments, which can help students feel more confident in their learning and reduce anxiety related to uncertainty about their performance. This feature can be especially useful for students who may be hesitant to ask questions or seek feedback from human teachers. However, it's important to note that ChatGPT should not be viewed as a replacement for human interaction and support. While the chatbot can provide valuable assistance, it cannot fully replace the guidance and expertise of human teachers. Therefore, ChatGPT should be used as a supplement to traditional teaching methods rather than a substitute.

Moreover, the design and implementation of ChatGPT is crucial in determining its effectiveness and impact on student well-being. If the chatbot is poorly designed or implemented, it can cause frustration and negatively affect student well-being. Thus, it's essential to design and implement ChatGPT in a way that maximizes its benefits and minimizes its potential drawbacks. Overall, while ChatGPT has the potential to enhance student well-being by providing personalized recommendations and immediate feedback, it's crucial to approach its implementation with caution and to use it in conjunction with human interaction and support.

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