

K-12 AI GOVERNANCE · COMBINED 50-STATE SCAN · GENERATED 2026-06-30

AI policy has moved from “should we?” to “who owns the guardrails?”

A combined state-by-state scan merging live source research with the uploaded WPS-focused DOCX report. The punchline: most states now have guidance, but the binding work is shifting toward local policy mandates, data protection, AI literacy, and evidence of impact.

SNAPSHOT CAVEAT

37 + 3

37 states have published statewide K-12 AI guidance in the primary source set. 3 more have a formal framework underway. This terrain changes weekly. Naturally.

37

PUBLISHED GUIDANCE

statewide K-12 documents or resource hubs

3

DEVELOPING

legislated or task-force stage

11

2026 ENACTED BILLS

FutureEd/Playlab cited enacted set

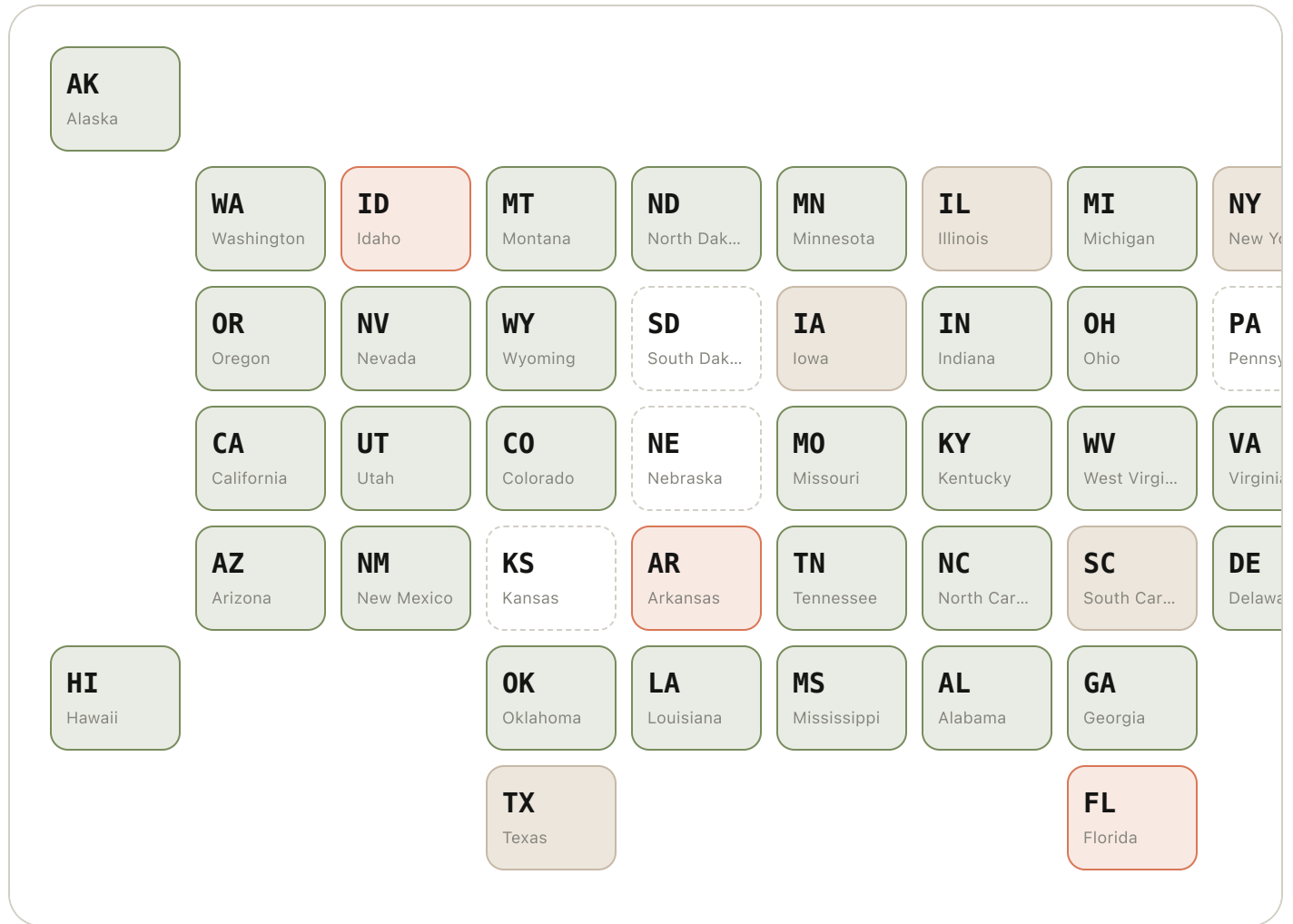
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BILLS TRACKED

FutureEd: 27 states, updated 2026-06-10

Coverage map

Tile map, not geography art. Useful beats pretty. Green is published statewide guidance; clay is developing; oat is active legislation or major district policy without a statewide framework; dashed means no statewide K-12 AI guidance identified in the source set.



■ Published
 ■ Developing
 ■ Active/no statewide guidance
 ■ No statewide guidance identified

Executive readout

The pattern is clear: states are no longer debating whether AI enters schools. They are deciding where human judgment, procurement, privacy, and AI literacy get anchored.

1. Guidance is widespread, but uneven.

37 states have guidance, yet documents range from one-page principles to full implementation roadmaps. This is not policy maturity by count alone.

2. The binding lever is local policy.

Maryland, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, Idaho, Ohio, and West Virginia signal the next wave: state framework plus district adoption requirements.

3. AI literacy is becoming a standards issue.

FutureEd tracks coursework, CS standards, middle-school digital skills, and graduation pathways. AI literacy is moving from PD topic to student entitlement.

4. Procurement is the missing muscle.

ExcelinEd and Digital Promise both point at the weak spot: districts still carry the vetting burden unless states provide evaluation rubrics, vendor disclosure expectations, and model clauses.

Rob take: The strongest state posture is not “ban AI” or “buy AI.” It is a governance loop: define acceptable use, train adults, teach students, vet tools, watch outcomes, revise quarterly.

Combined read: uploaded report vs live-source scan

I ingested the uploaded DOCX and compared it against the source-backed scan. The two reports agree on the direction of travel, but they use different counting rules. That matters, because “guidance,” “binding district-policy law,” and “broader AI/vendor law” are three different animals wearing the same trench coat.

Where both sources agree

- State AI policy moved from voluntary guidance toward mandatory district governance.
- Human-in-the-loop, data privacy, transparency, AI literacy, and educator PD are the stable consensus themes.
- Districts cannot wait for state perfection. Local governance is now the operating layer.
- Vendor vetting remains the soft underbelly: auditable records, bias testing, data-training limits, and procurement clauses are still uneven.

Where the counts diverge

- **Guidance:** live scan found **37** states with published statewide guidance; uploaded report says **36 states + Puerto Rico**.
- **Laws:** live scan used FutureEd's **11 enacted 2026 education bills**; uploaded report counts **13 binding-law states**, including broader statutes and earlier laws.
- **Bills:** FutureEd tracks **71 education-focused bills**; MultiState tracks **134 broader AI-in-education bills**. Both are true, different scopes.
- **WPS relevance:** uploaded report adds the strongest local context: Kansas lacks KSDE guidance, while USD 259 already has P1231.

Combined conclusion. Use the 37-state guidance count for statewide education guidance, the 11-state count for enacted 2026 education bills, and the 13-state count only when including broader/earlier binding AI statutes that affect K-12 operations or vendors.

STATE	INITIAL SCAN	UPLOADED REPORT	WHAT CHANGED
Arkansas AR · South	Developing / legislated Initial report	Task Force + Guidance Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report treats Arkansas as task force; classified it as developing/task-force, not finalized.
Georgia GA · South	Published statewide guidance Initial report	Enacted Law + Guidance Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report elevates Georgia to enacted implementation plans; initial scan had guidance for Georgia in the enacted set.
Illinois IL · Midwest	No statewide guidance; active bills or major district policy Initial report	Guidance + Enacted Law Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report says a 2026 Illinois law directed initial scan classified Illinois as active bills/district policy.
New York NY · Northeast	No statewide guidance; active bills or major district policy Initial report	Guidance + Enacted Law Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report counts the RAISE Act as enacted for developers/vendors; initial scan treated New York as no guidance; major NYCPS district guidance and active bills.
Rhode Island RI · Northeast	Published statewide guidance Initial report	NO STATE GUIDANCE Uploaded DOCX	Initial live-source scan found RIDE AI Guidance for statewide guidance/local control. Needs direct verification of claims.
Wyoming WY · West	Published statewide guidance Initial report	NO STATE GUIDANCE Uploaded DOCX	Initial live-source scan found Wyoming policy for Playlab/TeachAI; uploaded report says no statewide direct WDE/DOE verification.
Vermont VT · Northeast	Published statewide guidance Initial report	Active Legislation Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report emphasizes active ed-tech policy; classified Vermont as published development.
Tennessee TN · South	Published statewide guidance Initial report	Enacted Laws Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report adds 2025 PD law and 2026 PD restriction/private right of action; initial scan classified Tennessee as mandate but not the litigation hook.
Kansas KS · Midwest	No statewide K-12 AI guidance identified Initial report	NO STATE GUIDANCE Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report adds WPS-specific context: Policy P1231 is ahead of Kansas peers.
Colorado CO · West	Published statewide guidance Initial report	Guidance + Revised Law Uploaded DOCX	Uploaded report adds Colorado AI Act repeal; classified Colorado as guidance/evaluation leader.

Wichita / Kansas operating implications

The uploaded report makes this more useful for Rob: Kansas is a no-guidance state, but WPS is not a no-policy district. That creates both risk and leverage.

WPS advantage

- USD 259 adopted Board Policy P1231 in 2025, ahead of most Kansas peers.
- The district can frame AI governance as trust infrastructure: data privacy, educator judgment, student literacy, and transparent use.
- WPS can lead a Kansas district coalition instead of waiting for KSDE to write the first serious framework.

Risk watch

- No KSDE framework means no shared vendor-vetting backbone, PD funding, or statewide implementation standards.
- The Lawrence Public Schools v. Gaggle Fourth Amendment case could reshape AI monitoring, student-surveillance, and vendor-risk governance for Kansas districts.
- Parent transparency is becoming law elsewhere. WPS should get ahead of disclosure and opt-out expectations before Topeka or litigation forces it.

Regional adoption

The South and West show heavy activity, but the Midwest has a split personality: strong guidance in several states, silence or bill-only activity in others.

MIDWEST

7/12



0 developing · 2 active/no guidance · 3 no signal

NORTHEAST

6/9



0 developing · 1 active/no guidance · 2 no signal

SOUTH

12/16



2 developing · 2 active/no guidance · 0 no signal

WEST

12/13



1 developing · 0 active/no guidance · 0 no signal

District action playbook

What a K-12 system should do next, regardless of whether the state is ahead, late, or pretending the robot smoke is just fog.

01

Policy floor

Publish acceptable-use, prohibited-use, disclosure, citation, and human-review expectations.

02

Procurement gate

Require data-use limits, vendor transparency, FERPA/COPPA review, and AI-training restrictions.

03

Learning design

Move beyond cheating panic: redesign assessment around process, defense, metacognition, and judgment.

04

PD + literacy

Train teachers first. Teach students how models fail, when to use them, and when not to.

05

Evidence loop

Pilot, measure, report incidents, evaluate outcomes by subgroup, and update every semester.

Watchlist states

These are worth tracking because they may set the next enforceable patterns.

- **Maryland:** AI Ready Schools Act, AI coordinators, certified tools, PD.
- **Oklahoma:** parent disclosure, opt-out, human-in-loop, no high-stakes AI decisions.

- **South Carolina:** proposed parental opt-in, tool disclosure, data minimization, teacher replacement bans.
- **Idaho:** enacted framework mandate, pending actual state framework.

Highest maturity signals

Maryland	8
Oklahoma	8
Virginia	8
Alabama	7
Washington	7
California	6
Ohio	6
Utah	6
Idaho	5
Mississippi	5

50-state table

Each row includes the best current classification from the source set. Links point to the state guidance document or state resource where available.

STATE	STATUS	GUIDANCE / SIGNAL	2026 LAW
Alabama AL · South	Published	AI Policy Template for LEAs Model local policy / procurement language	●
Alaska AK · West	Published	K-12 AI Framework Framework / ethics / implementation	●
Arizona AZ · West	Published	Comprehensive GenAI Overview GenAI overview / classroom use	●
California CA · West	Published	Learning With AI, Learning About AI Implementation guide / literacy	●
Colorado CO · West	Published	Colorado Roadmap for AI in K-12 Education Roadmap / evaluation / implementation	●
Connecticut CT · Northeast	Published	Educational Technology AI Guidance State edtech guidance	●
Delaware DE · South	Published	Generative AI in the Classroom Guidance Classroom implementation strategy	●
Georgia GA · South	Published	Leveraging AI in the K-12 Setting Implementation framework / CS pathway	●
Hawaii HI · West	Published	AI Guidance for Employees Employee guidance	●
Indiana IN · Midwest	Published	Artificial Intelligence Guidance AI literacy / policy guidance	●
Kentucky KY · South	Published	AI Guidance Brief Implementation guidance	●

STATE	STATUS	GUIDANCE / SIGNAL	2026 LAW
Louisiana LA · South	Published	Artificial Intelligence in Louisiana Schools Comprehensive integration framework	●
Maine ME · Northeast	Published	AI Guidance Toolkit Toolkit / human-centered use	●
Maryland MD · South	Published	Artificial Intelligence Guidance State guidance + AI Ready Schools Act	●
Massachusetts MA · Northeast	Published	K-12 AI Guidance K-12 guidance / local planning	●
Michigan MI · Midwest	Published	Artificial Intelligence Resources Resource hub / framework	●
Minnesota MN · Midwest	Published	Guiding Principles for AI in Education Guiding principles	●
Mississippi MS · South	Published	AI Guidance for K-12 Classrooms Digital learning integration / AI credit legislation	●
Missouri MO · Midwest	Published	AI Guidance for Local Education Agencies LEA guidance	●
Montana MT · West	Published	AI in K-12 Education Guidelines K-12 guidelines	●
Nevada NV · West	Published	Nevada STELLAR AI Principles Ethics / principles / guidance	●
New Jersey NJ · Northeast	Published	Artificial Intelligence Resources & Glossary Resource hub / glossary / curriculum bills	●
New Mexico NM · West	Published	AI Guidance for K-12 Education 1.0 Comprehensive K-12 guidance	●
North Carolina NC · South	Published	Generative AI Recommendations for PK-13 Implementation recommendations	●
North Dakota ND · Midwest	Published	K-12 AI Guidance Framework Guidance framework	●

STATE	STATUS	GUIDANCE / SIGNAL	2026 LAW
Ohio OH · Midwest	Published	AI Toolkit Toolkit / district policies	●
Oklahoma OK · South	Published	Guidance for AI in K-12 Schools Responsible Technology in Schools Act / policy requirements	●
Oregon OR · West	Published	Generative AI in K-12 Classrooms GenAI overview / child safety law	●
Rhode Island RI · Northeast	Published	AI Guidance for Local Education Agencies LEA guidance	●
Tennessee TN · South	Published	Statewide District Policy Mandate District AI policy requirement	●
Utah UT · West	Published	Responsible Use Framework Framework + AI literacy laws	●
Vermont VT · Northeast	Published	Developmental AI Framework Developmental framework / edtech privacy bill	●
Virginia VA · South	Published	Guidelines for AI Integration through Education Guidance + AI innovation pilot	●
Washington WA · West	Published	Human-Centered AI Guidance for K-12 Public Schools Human-centered framework / reporting law	●
West Virginia WV · South	Published	AI Guidance, Considerations & Intentions Human-centered framework / model policy direction	●
Wisconsin WI · Midwest	Published	AI Guidance for K-12 and Library Education K-12/library integration / pilots	●
Wyoming WY · West	Published	Guidance for AI Policy Development Policy development framework	●
Arkansas AR · South	Developing	Task force recommendations; no finalized statewide guidance confirmed 2025 task force produced AI recommendations, but no finalized statewide guidance document confirmed.	●

STATE	STATUS	GUIDANCE / SIGNAL	2026 LAW
Florida FL · South	Developing	K-12 AI Education Task Force / working draft Large task force produced iterative working draft; SB1194 parental-notification / AI Bill of Rights activity.	●
Idaho ID · West	Developing	S.B. 1227 enacted; framework directed, not yet published Law directs state education department to create statewide generative-AI framework and local policy expectations.	●
Illinois IL · Midwest	Active/no guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified Active 2026 bills: AI/data privacy opt-out and AI/CS graduation proposals; Chicago Public Schools has district guidance.	●
Iowa IA · Midwest	Active/no guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified Active 2026 bills: computer science + AI coursework/graduation requirement proposals.	●
Kansas KS · Midwest	No guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified No finalized statewide K-12 AI guidance or major 2026 K-12 AI bill highlighted in the primary source set.	●
Nebraska NE · Midwest	No guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified No finalized statewide K-12 AI guidance or major 2026 K-12 AI bill highlighted in the primary source set.	●
New Hampshire NH · Northeast	No guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified No finalized statewide K-12 AI guidance or major 2026 K-12 AI bill highlighted in the primary source set.	●
New York NY · Northeast	Active/no guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified Active 2026 bills/working group proposals; NYCPS has major de-facto district guidance, but no statewide P-12 framework yet.	●
Pennsylvania PA · Northeast	No guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified No finalized statewide K-12 AI guidance or major 2026 K-12 AI bill highlighted in the primary source set.	●
South Carolina SC · South	Active/no guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified Active 2026 bills: age-appropriate AI instruction and strong statewide AI guardrails/parental consent proposals.	●
South Dakota SD · Midwest	No guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified No finalized statewide K-12 AI guidance or major 2026 K-12 AI bill highlighted in the primary source set.	●

STATE	STATUS	GUIDANCE / SIGNAL	2026 LAW
Texas TX · South	Active/no guidance	No finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified Active 2026 AI-in-education bills tracked, but no finalized statewide K-12 guidance identified in source set.	●

Source base and limits

This is a synthesis report, not legal advice. States update pages, bills move, and some source links point to Google Drive-hosted copies of official docs. Verify directly before policy adoption.

Playlab Learning Hub

AI State Policies directory; 37 states plus Puerto Rico; last updated 2026-06-26

TeachAI

AI in Education Policy and Guidance tracker; state and country guidance links

FutureEd

2026 legislative tracker: 71 AI-in-education bills across 27 states; enacted bill summaries

ExcelinEd

2026 K-12 AI policy milestones, guardrails lens, enacted/active bill patterns

Digital Promise

Analysis of evaluation maturity in state AI guidance: nascent, emergent, systematic

Education Commission of the States

2025 overview of AI guidance, task forces, and pilot programs

Code.org Advocacy Coalition

2025 State of AI + Computer Science Education state-by-state benchmark

Method note. “Published guidance” means a statewide K-12 AI guidance document, framework, toolkit, or state education resource hub was identified in the primary source set. “Developing” means legislation, task force, or working draft exists but final statewide

guidance was not confirmed. "Active/no guidance" means meaningful bill or large district activity was identified without statewide guidance.