

TEMPLATE: A letter communicating your expectation of consent for using generative AI products in the classroom.

*Adapted from a letter by Anthony Moser, shared by Schools Beyond Screens.
Please adapt and make this your own.*

Dear [TEACHER],

I want to make sure we're on the same page for the rest of the year, because I know it's possible that teachers may be considering using ChatGPT or Canva generative AI as part of classroom activities.

We have always found [SCHOOL] to be a place that encourages students to express themselves creatively, to be responsible and aware of how their actions affect others, and to be intellectually honest: doing their own work, rather than copying from others.

I know ChatGPT and other generative AI products have been heavily marketed as educational tools, but everything about it is the opposite of those values. AI tools are built by training models on [stolen work](#). They have huge and terrible [environmental costs](#), because their data centers generate [enormous amounts of pollution](#) and are cooled with [drinking water](#). They're also incredibly dangerous: tools like ChatGPT have taught children [how to start fires](#) and even [encouraged them to commit suicide](#).

In a classroom setting, it teaches students that a machine can express their ideas better than they can. I told my child I am always interested in seeing what *they* had to draw or write, not what some machine makes. Children deserve to draw and write what they imagine.

These environmental, ethical, and pedagogical concerns are why I don't want [CHILD] to use AI tools (or for you to use them on their behalf). For the same reasons, I respectfully ask that you stop using them in your classroom.

If you do plan to use AI this year, please send home a permission slip requesting consent. There are important privacy concerns when you upload student work into a for-profit service like ChatGPT.

Thank you,

[PARENT/CAREGIVER]