

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Students Spoke, We Listened



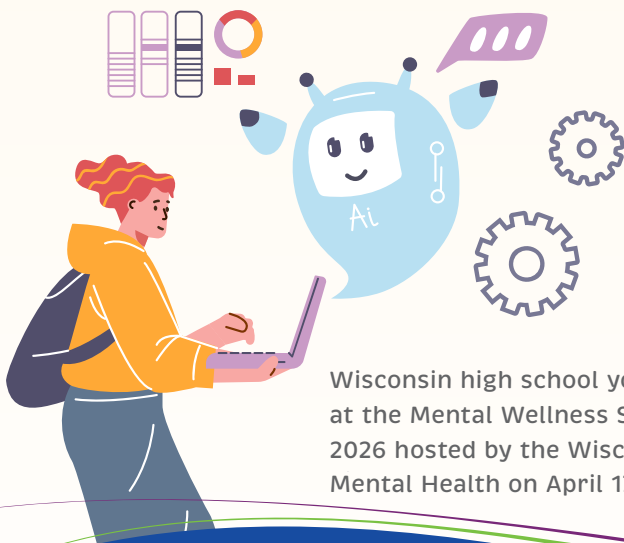
We asked Wisconsin teens about AI – what excites them and what concerns them. Their answers are insightful.

What excites you about AI?

- Creating new thoughts.
- Can make new discoveries.
- Learning new things.
- It is easy to find and access information.
- Quick results.
- Assistance with everyday activities.
- Having AI as a friend.
- Helps me with studying and learning.
- Free answers.
- Homework help.
- Nothing!
- New possibilities.
- Gives me good ideas and organizes my ideas.

What concerns you about AI?

- Believing everything it says. Relying on it.
- Not being able to tell what is real.
- Bullying.
- Cheating.
- Replacing human connection, loss of socialization.
- Loss of creative thinking.
- Dependence on it.
- Hurts the environment — effects climate, harms the planet, uses too much water and energy.
- It takes jobs.
- It isn't always accurate.
- Loss of privacy and security.
- Taking over the world.
- Turning to AI instead of therapists.
- Lose the ability for critical thinking.



Wisconsin high school youth shared these thoughts at the Mental Wellness Student Leadership Summit 2026 hosted by the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health on April 17, 2026 in Madison.



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