Hour of AI

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Your students use AI every day, but many have never been shown how it works. The gap between using AI and understanding it is the new opportunity gap, and it is widening fastest in communities that can least afford another one.

The Hour of AI is an annual, teacher-led introduction to computer science, AI science, and data science. It works for any subject, grade level, and experience level. This toolkit has everything you need to plan your Hour of AI lesson and help every student **Start Building** the ability to understand, direct, question, and create with the technology shaping their world.

HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT

This toolkit contains information and resources to make it quick and easy to plan the **#HourOfAI** activity or lesson in your classroom, including:

- **Sign up**: You'll get reminders, new activity announcements, and tips from other teachers.
- **Get ready**: Your Hour of AI starts with 30 minutes. Complete the professional learning module, Elevate Your Hour of AI, to earn your Hour of AI Educator credential from CodeAI and Microsoft.
- **Pick an activity**: Browse the catalog for activities, lessons, games, and more, with options for different ages and for classrooms with or without devices.
- **Pick a time**: Host the Hour of AI whenever it works for your class, anywhere in the world. In the U.S., many schools choose Computer Science Education Week, December 7–11, 2026.

To save time when reviewing this document, simply click on the tabs in the header section of this toolkit to jump to the corresponding pages.

IF YOU ONLY HAVE 5 MINUTES:

1. Share this toolkit with others at your school or district.
2. Visit HourofAI.org to learn more.

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START BUILDING

STEP 1: SIGN UP

Get a first look at this year's new **Hour of AI activities,** plus reminders and tips from other educators taking part.

SIGN UP HERE

STEP 2: PICK AN ACTIVITY

Browse the current catalog for activities, games, lessons, and more. All are designed for beginners, with options for different ages and for classrooms with or without devices.

BROWSE THE CATALOG

STEP 3: PLAN AND PREPARE

Pick a day/time that's right for your classroom. Hour of AI activities work year-round. Choose a space that fits your group and your tech:

- Try the activity and review the teacher notes
- Invite families, colleagues, or your community to join the fun

Tip: In the U.S., Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 7–11, 2026) is a moment many choose to host an Hour of AI.

HANDOUTS, PRINTABLES, AND MORE

PARENTS AND ADMIN

Share simple, easy-to-read handouts about the Hour of AI with parents, as well as principals and administrators — and anyone else who should know about this global event and would want to help support it. Ready-to-send email templates are available for school support and requesting volunteers for your event.

Got questions? Check out The Hour of AI website for Frequently Asked Questions, to help navigate your planning process.

Take it a step further and present about Hour of AI to your school or district, here's a customizable Google Slides template.

CLASSROOM PRINTABLES

Celebrate with Hour of AI stickers: Print them using Avery Presta® Template 94500 sticker sheets. Each sticker measures 1" in diameter, with 48 stickers per sheet.

Recognize your students' achievement in learning by printing certificates of completion.

Visit our **visual assets folder** to download social media graphics, logos, and more!