

Why is using AI such as ChatGPT considered “cheating” in VirtualSC PD courses?

Isn't A.I. just a “resource” to help me do better?

No, because...When you use A.I., you are not actually doing the work yourself. And if you don't do the work yourself, you won't learn the elements from the content presented to you. You will not grow professionally.

For example, we are writing a response to a prompt about your readings this session.

Roger reads the prompt prior to reading the session resources and takes notes as reading the different selections. He then drafts and fine-tunes his original reply to the prompt, supports his ideas by citing the session resources, and submits it for feedback.

Bill plugs the prompt into ChatGPT. He copies the results and turns them in as his own work.

So who really did the work? Roger? Bill?

Roger really did the work. Bill did not actually do anything at all.

Who learned here?

Roger worked harder, but he also learned new strategies to incorporate into his classroom. He can use this knowledge to move forward in improving his instruction.

Bill ... copied and pasted a prompt and it's AI results and does not know any of those things about instruction that Roger now knows.

We're here to learn, right? The best way to do that is to do the work yourself.

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