

Transforming Special Education with Artificial Intelligence: Innovations, Challenges, and Future Directions

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Artificial intelligence,	adaptive technologies, assistive devices, and predictive analytics. It
Special Education,	addresses significant issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and
Assistive Technologies.	equitable access to these technologies. The study also emphasizes the
Inclusive Education	significance of ethical development, collaboration among stakeholders,
	and the establishment of robust policy frameworks for ensuring
Ethical AI, Personalized	inclusive education. Additionally, by synthesizing recent research, this
Education	paper presents an in-depth analysis of AI's potential in promoting fair
	learning environments and delineates future directions for its use in

special education.

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Introduction

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is fundamentally transforming education by moving classrooms away from traditional modes of knowledge delivery by teachers to dynamic, technology-driven learning environments (Raza & Alam, 2025). It refers to computer systems that simulate human intelligence and can perform tasks such as learning, problem-solving, and decision-making (Russell & Norvig, 2021). In the field of special education, AI leverages algorithms, machine learning, and data analytics to develop customized learning experiences for students with physical, cognitive, sensory, or emotional disabilities. The foundation of special education is based on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), assistive technologies, and specialized teaching methods to facilitate inclusive learning experiences (Hallahan et al., 2020). Through the use of the analytical capabilities of AI with an emphasis on specific personalization of special education, new opportunities emerge to enhance accessibility, student engagement, and academic achievement.

AI-powered tools process comprehensive student data to customize instructional content, provide realtime feedback, and align with Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals, facilitating adaptive and scalable learning environments. For instance, artificial intelligence assists students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) through the use of social robots and virtual reality to enhance their communication and emotional skills (Hopcan et al., 2022). Additionally, AI automates routine administrative tasks, such as monitoring students' progress, allowing teachers to focus on meaningful interactions with students (Selwyn, 2022). These technologies can potentially resolve complex issues, such as sensory sensitivities or learning difficulties, with great accuracy.

Nonetheless, integrating AI into special education poses considerable challenges. Ethical considerations, such as data privacy, algorithmic fairness, and equitable access, require careful consideration. For example, AI systems are prone to dealing with sensitive student information, which raises compliance issues with regulations like the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (Huang, 2023). Additionally, AI algorithmic bias can exacerbate inequities when not addressed and might end up marginalizing vulnerable populations (Baker & Hawn, 2022). This paper provides a comprehensive, universally applicable analysis of AI innovations, challenges, and future directions in special education. Through the incorporation of recent research, case studies, and systematic reviews, it aims to offer a nuanced understanding of AI's potential to facilitate inclusive education while addressing its complexities.



Innovations in Special Education through AI

AI technologies are transforming special education by providing personalized, accessible, and inclusive learning experiences tailored to different disabilities. By using machine learning, natural language processing, and predictive analytics, the technologies boost engagement, automate instruction, and empower teachers. Below, the innovations are categorized by disability, along with detailed examples and verified research.

AI Tools for Sensory Impairments

Students with visual or hearing impairments benefit from AI-powered assistive technologies that overcome accessibility gaps and promote independence. These tools adapt to individual needs, allowing seamless interaction with educational content:

- Text-to-Speech and Speech-to-Text systems: Text-to-Speech (TTS) and Speech-to-Text (STT) systems are important AI tools that significantly enhance accessibility for individuals with sensory impairments. TTS systems, such as NaturalReader and Kurzweil 3000, convert written text into audible speech (Alam et al., 2025), making it easier for visually impaired persons to access digital content. On the other hand, Speech-to-Text (STT) systems transcribe spoken language into text, aiding individuals with hearing impairments in comprehending audio information. These technologies have been integrated into various devices and platforms that promote inclusion and enhance communication (Isewon et al., 2014). Their development and application continue to evolve, addressing diverse users' needs and enhancing access for all.
- Image Recognition software: Image recognition software plays a pivotal role in assisting individuals with sensory impairments, particularly those who are visually impaired. It enhances their ability to navigate and engage in educational environments. These systems use advanced computer vision algorithms to analyze visual information and provide auditory feedbacks or text descriptions in real-time. This enables individuals to interpret and interact with their surroundings independently (Tambe et al., 2022). Such technology not only improves spatial awareness but also significantly increases navigation efficiency, allowing students to concentrate on their academic endeavors without any hindrances. The integration of these assistive technologies promotes autonomy and inclusivity, highlighting the significant impact of innovation on improving educational access for sensory-impaired students (AlSaid et al., 2019).



- AI-Enhanced Captioning: AI-enhanced captioning is a major breakthrough in assistive technology, particularly for individuals with sensory impairments. Such systems employ artificial intelligence to create descriptive captions for images and videos, allowing users to access visual information in written or auditory formats. This technology combines computer vision and natural language processing to create contextually relevant captions, thus improving accessibility and inclusivity in various fields, including education and communication (Amirian et al., 2023). Research has shown that AI captioning improves the accuracy and consistency of descriptions, enabling individuals with sensory disabilities to better interpret visual data (Abinaya et al., 2023). This innovation showcases the transformative potential of AI in bridging the gap between visual and textual formats.
- Audio Description Generators: Audio description generators play a vital role in improving accessibility for individuals with visual impairment by converting visual content into verbal description. These systems leverage advanced natural language processing and machine learning algorithms to examine visual media and produce concise, contextually relevant audio descriptions. This technology facilitates users to understand visual elements in films, educational material, and other forms of media, promoting inclusivity and independence (Bardini, 2020). Research shows that audio description generators effectively bridge the gap between visual and auditory modalities, making visual content more accessible to a diverse audience (Plaza-Lara & Gonzalo Llera, 2022).

These tools not only enhance access but also empower students to engage actively, reducing reliance on human aides and fostering self-confidence in academic settings.

Tool Type	Function	Target Group	Examples
Text-to-	Convert written text into spoken audio	Individuals with	NaturalReader,
Speech	to support reading and comprehension	Visual	Kurzweil 3000,
(TTS)		Impairments	JAWS
Speech-to-	Transcribes spoken language into	Individuals with	Otter.ai, Google
Text (STT)	written text for documentation and	Hearing	Live Transcribe,
	communication	Impairments	Dragon

Table 1: AI Tools for Sensory Impairments



			NaturallySpeaking
Image	Analyzes and describes visual content	Individuals with	Seeing AI
Recognition	through audio	Visual	(Microsoft),
		Impairments	Envision AI, Be
			My Eyes
Haptic	Converts environmental information	Individuals with	BuzzClip, OrCam
Feedback	into tactile signals for sensory	Visual or Hearing	MyEye, BrainPort
Devices	substitution	Impairments	
AI-	Provides real-time, intelligent	Individuals with	Ava, Microsoft
Enhanced	substitutes with contextual awareness	Hearing	Teams Live
Captioning		Impairments	Captions
Audio	Generates narrated descriptions of	Individuals with	YouDescribe,
Description	visual media for improved	Visual	Descriptive Video
Generators	accessibility	Impairments	Exchange (DVE),
			ElevenLabs

AI Tools for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) often have difficulties with social interaction, communication, and sensory regulation. AI technologies play a vital role in addressing these challenges by creating supportive, structured, and interactive learning environments that promote the development of emotional understanding and social skills. These technologies employ advanced algorithms to provide personalized interventions, allowing students to practice and apply skills in safe, controlled settings (Hopcan et al., 2022).

• Social Robots: Cabibihan et al. (2013) emphasize that humanoid robots, such as NAO, can effectively simulate structured social interactions using predictable behaviours to help reduce anxiety for children with autism. The study highlights the robots' potential to teach basic communication skills, such as turn-taking and joint attention, through repetitive and rule-based engagement.



- AI-Powered Smartglasses: Vahabzadeh et al. (2018) conducted an uncontrolled pilot study testing a smartglasses-based AR system (Brain Power Autism system) for socio-emotional coaching in individuals with autism. The study reported improvements in attention and social behaviour, including increased eye contact duration during use.
- Virtual Reality (VR) programs: Virtual Reality (VR) programs have become a groundbreaking technology to assist individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), providing immersive environments that enhance social, cognitive, and communication skills. These programs simulate real-world scenarios, allowing individuals to practice interactions and develop essential life skills in a controlled and engaging setting (Miller et al., 2020). Research shows that VR interventions have significant effect on emotional regulation, joint attention, and social cooperation, making them effective therapeutic aids for individuals with ASD (Karami et al., 2021). By providing personalized and adaptive experiences, VR programs demonstrate the potential of technology to meet the unique needs of individual with ASD and promote their development.
- Emotion Recognition Apps: Emotion recognition applications are innovative tools designed to help individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in comprehending and responding to emotional cues. These applications employ advanced machine learning algorithms to analyse facial expressions, speech tones, and physiological signals, providing real-time feedback on emotional situations. By helping to bridge the gap in emotional perception, these tools enhance social interactions and communication skills, which can often be challenging for individuals with ASD (Landowska et al., 2022). Research has revealed that emotional recognition applications significantly improve emotional awareness and empathy, therefore promoting improved relationships and adaptive behaviours (Talaat, 2023).
- Behavioural Analytics Platforms: It assists individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by monitoring and analysing behavioural patterns to provide personalized interventions. Such systems use machine learning algorithms and data analytics to monitor behaviours, identify triggers, and suggest tailored strategies for improving social, emotional, and cognitive skills (Gitimoghaddam et al., 2022). Through providing real-time insights and monitoring of progress, these platforms empower caregivers, educators, and therapists to make rational decisions and maximize intervention efficacy. Research highlights their ability to promote adaptive behaviours and reduce challenging ones, making them essential in the management and support of individuals with ASD (Al-Hosan & Alrajhi, 2023).

These innovations provide safe, repeatable practice opportunities, helping students generalize skills and navigate social complexities with greater ease.

Tool Type	Tool Description	Function	Examples
Social	Humanoid or animal like	Simulate human-like	NAO Robots,
Robots	robots designed to mimic	communication for	QTrobot,
	social interaction and	social and emotional	Kasper Robot
	responsiveness	learning	
AI-Powered	Wearable devices using AI and	Offer context-aware	Superpower
Smartglasse	augmented reality to provide	cues to support real-	Glass, Google
S	real-time social and emotional	time social engagement	Glass with
	prompts		Emotion AI
Virtual	Immersive digital	Create safe, repeatable	Floreo VR,
Reality	environments simulating real-	scenarios for social skill	Blue Room,
Programs	life social situations	development	Virtual Reality
			Social
			Cognition
			Training (VR-
			SCT)
Emotion	Mobile apps analyzing facial,	Teach emotional	Affectiva,
Recognition	vocal, or text data to teach	literacy through facial,	EmoReact,
Apps	emotions	vocal, or text analysis	EmoTracker
Behavioural	Data-driven systems tracking	Monitor and predict	Behavior
Analytics	engagement and behaviour	behaviours for tailored	Imaging®,
Platforms	patterns	interventions	Canvas Dx
Sensory	Wearable or app-based tools	Detect sensory dys-	SensorySuit,
Regulation	that monitor physiological	regulation and	VibroTactile
Tools	signals like heart rate or skin	recommend calming	Feedback
	response	interventions	System

Fable 2: AI Tools for Auti	sm Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
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AI Tools for Learning Disabilities (LD)

Students with dyslexia, dyscalculia, or dysgraphia face barriers in processing information. AI tools offer targeted support:

- Adaptive Learning Platforms: Adaptive learning systems aim to assist students with learning disabilities through personalized learning experiences that address their specific needs. Such platforms use artificial intelligence in monitoring each student's patterns, strengths, and challenges. They dynamically adjust content delivery and pace in real-time to maximize understanding and engagement (Yechuri & Ahmed, 2021). Studies prove that adaptive learning platforms significantly improve educational outcomes by providing tailored interventions and promoting a more inclusive learning environment (Isaeva et al., 2025). By addressing diverse learning needs, these platforms empower students with learning disabilities to reach their full potential and actively participate in educational settings.
- AI-Powered Writing Assistants: AI-driven writing assistants are revolutionary tools that assist individuals with learning disabilities by improving their writing skills and promoting communication. These tools use advanced natural language processing algorithms to provide real-time feedback on grammar, sentence structure, and vocabulary, allowing users to improve their writing and express ideas more effectively (Krajka & Olszak, 2024). In addition, AI-powered writing assistants offer personalized suggestions and adaptive learning features tailored to the unique needs of individuals with dyslexia or other writing challenges (Daulay et al., 2024). Studies reveal their potential in enhancing academic achievements and increasing confidence, making them invaluable assets in educational settings.
- Interactive Educational Games: Interactive educational games are designed to assist students with learning disabilities by integrating entertainment with learning to enhance engagement and comprehension. These games employ adaptive algorithms to customize content according to individual learning needs, providing a personalized and inclusive learning experience (Gracia-Carrion et al., 2018). Studies show that interactive games enhance cognitive development, problem-solving ability, and academic achievement by creating active engagement and motivation (Ugalde et al., 2021). By creating immersive and interactive environments, these games empower students with learning disabilities to overcome challenges and achieve their educational goals.



- AI-Driven Diagnostic Tools: These tools employ machine learning and artificial intelligence to identify patterns and anomalies that may indicate learning challenges, allowing for early intervention and personalized support (Rai et al., 2023). By delivering accurate, data-driven insights, AI-driven diagnostic tools empower educators and clinicians to customize strategies that meet individual needs, promoting inclusivity and improving outcomes for students with learning disabilities (Iyer et al., 2013). This innovation highlights the significant potential of AI to enhance educational accessibility and equity.
- **Reading Comprehension Tools:** Reading comprehension tools are crucial for assisting students with learning disabilities, as they enhance the ability to process and understand written text. These tools often include features such as text-to-speech, visual aids, and interactive exercises to meet diverse learning needs. By using adaptive algorithms, these tools provide personalized learning experiences that help students improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills (Khasawneh & Al-Rub, 2020). Research indicates their efficacy in promoting cognitive development and academic achievement, making them essential assets in inclusive educational settings (Gersten et al., 2021).

These tools empower students to build confidence, fostering academic progress and inclusion in mainstream settings.

Tool Type	Function	Target Group	Examples
Adaptive	Personalize instruction by	Students with learning	DreamBox
Learning	adjusting content, pace, and	disabilities (dyslexia,	Math,
Platforms	delivery based on	dyscalculia,	Read&Write,
	individual learning patterns	dysgraphia)	ModMath
AI-Powered	Provide real-time feedback	Students with dyslexia,	Co: Writer,
Writing	on grammar, structure, and	dysgraphia	Ginger
Assistants	vocabulary to enhance		Software,
	writing skills		Grammarly
Interactive	Reinforce concepts through	Students with dyslexia,	Prodigy,
Educational	adaptive, engaging	dyscalculia	Dyslexia

Table 3:	AI Tools	for Learning	Disabilities	(LD)
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Games	gameplay tailored to		Quest,
	learning needs		MathBingo
AI-Driven	Screen for learning	Students with suspected	Lexplore,
Diagnostic	disabilities using	or undiagnosed	CogniFit,
Tools	behavioural, academic, and	learning disabilities	Mindprint
	cognitive data analysis		Learning
Reading	Improve reading fluency	Students with dyslexia	Kurzweil 3000,
Comprehension	and comprehension using		Snap&Read,
Tools	TTS, visual aids, and		Learning Ally
	adaptive reading supports		

AI Tools for ADD and ADHD

Students with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) typically struggle with focus and impulsivity. With the help of some of the tools below, self-regulation and engagement can be promoted.

- Neurofeedback Devices: Neurofeedback devices are especially designed to assist individuals with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) by improving self-regulation and cognitive functioning. These devices use electroencephalographic (EEG) biofeedback to track brainwave activity and provide real-time feedback. It allows the users to condition their brain to reach an optimal level of concentration and relaxation (Vlachou et al., 2022). Various studies have proven that neurofeedback is effective in reducing symptoms of inattention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity, serving as a non-invasive and drug-free approach to managing ADHD (Enriquez-Geppert et al., 2019). By promoting improved attention and emotional regulation, neurofeedback devices demonstrate the potential of technology to address the unique challenges faced by individuals with ADD and ADHD.
- Adaptive Learning Systems: These systems leverage AI to track learning patterns, preferences, and challenges. They dynamically adjust content delivery and pace to maximize interest and understanding (Lim et al., 2023). Research indicates that adaptive learning systems significantly enhance concentration, memory, and academic performance in individuals with ADD and



ADHD. This promotes a more inclusive and supportive learning environment (Khosravi et al., 2020). By addressing diverse learning needs, these systems empower students to overcome challenges and achieve their educational goals.

- Time Management Tools: Time management tools are beneficial for individuals with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). They assist in organizing tasks, prioritizing tasks, and maintaining concentration. These tools typically have features such as reminders, timers, and gamified elements to enhance user engagement and productivity. The most important features of these tools is their proven effectiveness in improving task completion and minimizing procrastination, hence making them essential for managing daily responsibilities and academic demands (Gomes et al., 2019).
- Gamified Focus Apps: Gamified focus apps are designed to help individuals with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) to enhance their attention and task management skills through engaging and interactive methods. It incorporates game-like elements such as rewards, challenges, and progress monitoring to encourage users and maintain their attention on tasks (Kakoura et al., 2024). Their ability to improve executive functions, emotional regulation, and self-control makes them valuable resources for managing ADD and ADHD symptoms (Putra et al., 2019). By turning ordinary tasks into enjoyable experiences, a gamified focus app enables users (individuals with ADD and ADHD) to accomplish them more effectively.
- Virtual Reality (VR) Training: Virtual Reality (VR) training can significantly benefit individuals with ADD and ADHD by providing immersive environments that enhance attention, cognitive skills, and behavioural regulation. These programs are similar to real-life situations, allowing users to rehearse paying attention and making decisions in a controlled and engaging environment (Shema-Shiratzky et al., 2018). It has come to light from various studies that VR training notably improves executive functions, working memory, and dual-tasking abilities, making it a promising intervention for managing ADD and ADHD symptoms (Cunha et al., 2023).

These interventions create engaging, structured environments, helping students manage challenges and thrive academically.

Table 4: AI Tools for ADD and ADHD



Tool Type	Tool Description	Function	Examples
Neurofeedback	Wearable EEG devices	Enhance concentration,	Muse S,
Devices	that provide real-time	emotional regulation,	NeuroSky,
	biofeedback on	and self-control through	EndeavorOTC,
	brainwave activity	brain training	Focus@Will
Adaptive	AI-powered platforms	Create personalized	DreamBox Math
Learning	that adjust content and	learning paths to	(with ADHD
Systems	pace based on learner	improve focus, retention,	Focus Mode),
	behaviour	and academic	ModMath ADHD
		performance	Edition, Knewton
Time	Apps with scheduling	Improve organization,	Todoist, Brili,
Management	features, timers, and	reduce procrastination,	Trello
Tools	reminders to support	and support timely task	
	task management	completion	
Gamified	Interactive application	Improve attention span	Habitica, Focus
Focus Apps	using game mechanics	and executive	Bear, Forest: Stay
	like rewards and	functioning through	Focused
	progress tracking	engaging and motivating	
		challenges	
Behavioural	Digital platforms	Support self-regulation,	ClassDojo, Goally
Coaching	offering prompts and	reduce impulsivity, and	
Tools	feedback to guide	encourage positive	
	behaviour in real time	behavioural habits	
VR Attention	Virtual environments	Develop working	ADHD-VR
Training	simulating real-life	memory, executive	(Braingaze),
Programs	tasks to enhance	functions, and attention	Floreo ADHD
	attention and decision-	control in immersive	Module,
	making	settings	Reh@City



Challenges of AI Integration

Despite its promise, AI integration in special education faced multifaceted challenges that require thoughtful solutions:

- Data Privacy and Security: AI systems process sensitive data, which can be hacked if not secured properly. Compliance with regulations such as GDPR and FERPA is essential. However, many schools do not have robust security measures in place. Establishing open and transparent consent processes is essential to build trust (Huang, 2023).
- Algorithmic Bias: AI systems trained on biased datasets may misinterpret the diverse needs of students, including emotional expression in those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), potentially exacerbating existing inequities. To ensure fairness, it is essential to adopt inclusive design practices that incorporate varied data (Baker & Hawn, 2022).
- Implementation Barriers: High cost and limited infrastructure often exclude unfunded or lowfunded schools, especially in rural areas. Additionally, teacher training is often inadequate, undermining the potential benefits of AI. To address these challenges, equitable funding and comprehensive professional development are needed (Holmes & Tuomi, 2022).
- **Policy Gaps:** Unclear AI policies lead to confusion, which hinders effective implementation. Uniform policies for data use and accountability are required to facilitate responsible adaptation of these technologies (Jarke & Breiter, 2019).

These challenges emphasize the need for balanced approaches that prioritize equity, ethics, and human connection alongside technological innovation.

Future Directions

To realize AI's full potential in special education, strategic initiatives must address current limitations and foster inclusive growth:

- Ethical and Inclusive Development: Engage students, teachers, and families in the co-design of bias-free, accessible tools. Participatory workshops can ensure that AI aligns with diverse needs, promoting fairness (Floridi & Cowls, 2019).
- Policy Regulation: Develop evidence-based frameworks for data privacy, equity, and accountability. Collaboration among policymakers, educators, and developers can balance



innovation with responsibility, ensuring that AI serves all communities (Dong, X., & McIntyre, S.H., 2014).

- **Professional Development**: Equip educators with practical and ethical AI skills through targeted training. Programs that emphasize real-world applications can boost confidence, helping teachers to integrate AI effectively (Lim et al., 2023; Khosravi et al., 2020).
- Stakeholders Collaboration: Foster participation among educators, technologists, policymakers, and families to create holistic and inclusive AI-driven solutions. These collaborations can foster innovation, ensure accessibility, and effectively address diverse needs (Sharma & Garg, 2020; Yang et al., 2024).
- Future Research: Future research should focus on developing more adaptive and inclusive technologies, integrating multimodal approaches such as Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR), while also paying attention to ethical considerations. Collaborative efforts between researchers, educators, and technologists can drive innovation and ensure accessibility for diverse needs (Sharma & Garg, 2020; Voultsiou & Moussiades, 2025).
- Cultural and Socioeconomic Accessibility: Address disparities by developing inclusive technologies that cater to various cultural contexts and economic backgrounds. Collaborative efforts among stakeholders can ensure equitable access to AI-driven solutions, fostering global inclusivity and reducing barriers to education and support (Sharma & Garg, 2020; Deckker & Sumanasekara, 2025).
- Scalability and Sustainability: Create low-cost, open-source solutions to expand AI's reach, particularly in resource-constrained settings. Sustainable models can support long-term adoption without compromising quality (Holmes & Tuomi, 2022)

These strategies aim to harness AI's transformative power while safeguarding the human-cantered ethos of special education.

Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to transform special education by providing inclusive, tailored learning. From adaptive platforms designed for students with dyscalculia to social robots that assist those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), AI enables educators to meet diverse needs with precision and creativity. Tools such as neurofeedback devices and virtual reality (VR) training maximize student engagement and self-regulation, fostering independence for learners with sensory impairments



or attention disorders. These advancements reflect a shift towards equitable education, which systematically reduces barriers to learning.

However, considerable challenges persist. Privacy risks, algorithmic biases, and disparities in access require careful oversight to ensure that AI serves all students fairly. Excessive dependence on automation can undermine vital human connections, which are crucial for emotional development. Moving forward, it is essential to prioritize ethical design, comprehensive legislation, and collaboration among stakeholders to align AI with the goals of equity and empathy in special education. Ongoing research and scalable solutions will help refine the role of AI, ensuring it enhances rather than replaces the human relationships that are central to student success. By navigating these complexities thoughtfully, AI can transform special education into a more inclusive and empowering field, enabling every learner to thrive.

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