Using AI to Elevate Special Education

Quick-Start Checklist for Teachers

Before You Begin

☐ Set clear goals for what you want AI to help with

☐ Choose a trusted chatbot

☐ Provide non-identifiable student info (initials, interests, goals)

☐ Upload relevant resources (curriculum guides, IEP goals, standards)

Use AI to Personalize Instruction

☐ Adapt a lesson for multiple reading levels

☐ Generate scaffolded writing prompts for IEP support

☐ Develop a lesson around a skill based on student interests

☐ Write content-aligned questions to build executive function

☐ Create multiple-choice quizzes with embedded supports

☐ Write visual schedules or checklists

☐ Build choice boards for student-driven learning

☐ Translate documents for multilingual families

Support Executive Function & SEL

☐ Draft scripts for behavior modeling and conflict resolution

☐ Create personalized social stories

☐ Design SEL check-ins or calming routines

☐ Generate role-play scenarios for social interaction

☐ Write reflection journal prompts aligned to EF skills

☐ Plan mini-lessons for time management or task initiation

☐ Generate metacognition questions tied to current content

Pro Tips

☐ Always review and edit AI-generated materials before using

☐ Use conversational prompting--don't stop at the first reply

☐ Give feedback to refine and personalize output

☐ Save reusable prompts or templates