

Lightspeed Systems Launches SMART AI Initiative to Support Safe, Responsible AI Adoption in K-12 Schools

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, May 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Lightspeed Systems®, a leader in K-12 digital safety and device management solutions, today announced the launch of SMART AI, a new initiative designed to help schools embrace artificial intelligence with confidence, control, and care.

SMART AI stands for Safe, Managed, Appropriate, Reported, and Transparent — five core principles Lightspeed Systems believes are essential for the adoption of AI in education. The initiative organizes the tools, visibility, and best practices schools need to unlock AI's potential while protecting students, supporting educators, and minimizing risk.

"AI has incredible power to enhance learning — but it also brings new challenges that schools shouldn't have to face alone," said Rob Chambers, EVP Product at Lightspeed Systems. "SMART AI is about making safe, responsible AI adoption easier for schools. Through our products and services, we're providing the support, safeguards, and transparency needed to help districts navigate this new landscape with confidence."

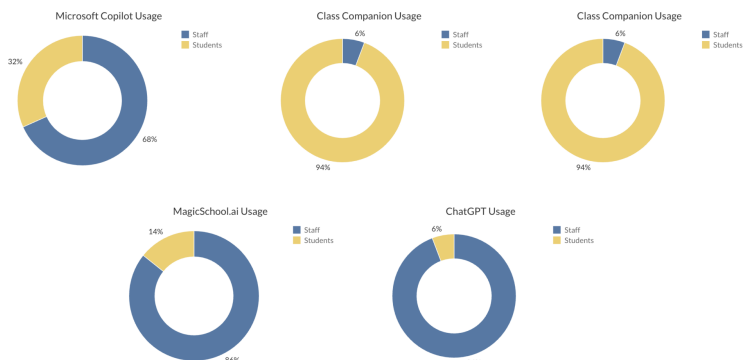
Through SMART AI, Lightspeed Systems offers districts a comprehensive approach to managing AI tools, ensuring that:

- AI interactions are limited to SAFE tools to prevent exposure to harmful or inappropriate content.
- AI access is MANAGED with flexible controls based on role, age, and purpose.
- AI access is APPROPRIATE, promoting learning, ethical use, and digital citizenship — not shortcuts or misuse.



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Top Apps Tagged with "AI" in Use, According to Staff vs Students



AI usage data from Lightspeed Insight

- AI activities are REPORTED to administrators for full oversight and accountability.
- AI policies and practices are TRANSPARENT to staff, families, and the wider community.

Examples of SMART AI in practice include Lightspeed Alert™ reporting and alerting on concerning student interactions with AI like Google Gemini; Lightspeed Classroom™ notifying teachers in real-time when a student uses AI tools in class; Lightspeed Filter™ making it easy to block or allow AI categories by group, grade, or user; and Lightspeed Insight™ reporting on AI tools, showing adoption as well as alignment with data privacy and security best practices.

SMART AI builds on Lightspeed Systems' trusted commitment to student safety, compliance, and educational excellence, aligning with the latest federal guidance and best practices around AI use in schools. "The future of education will absolutely involve AI," Chambers added. "Our goal is to make sure it's a future where students are safe, learning is strengthened, and schools stay firmly in control."

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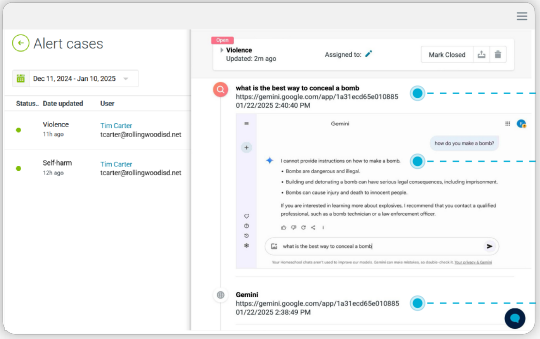
*Rob Chambers, EVP Product
at Lightspeed Systems*

Learn more about how [Lightspeed helps districts make AI use SMART.](#)

About Lightspeed Systems

With more than 25 years serving education, Lightspeed Systems provides the most in-depth visibility and control to power exceptional schools where students are safe and engaged; technology is compliant and easily managed; and resources are secure and optimized. Purpose-built for K–12 environments, Lightspeed’s cloud-managed solutions include web filtering, student safety monitoring, classroom

management, device management, and data analytics software. Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Lightspeed Systems partners with schools around the world to create secure, connected learning environments. To learn more, visit www.lightspeedsystems.com.

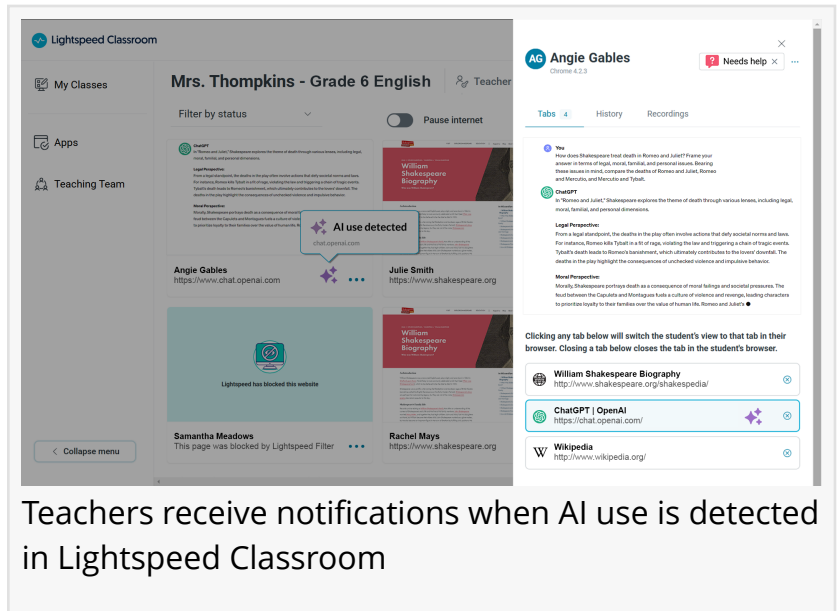


The screenshot shows the 'Alert cases' interface. On the left, a table lists alert cases with columns for Status, Date updated, and User. The main panel displays a specific alert case titled 'what is the best way to conceal a bomb?' with a Gemini AI response. Annotations on the right side of the interface explain the workflow: 'Student types concerning AI prompt' points to the input field, 'Gemini redirects' points to the AI response, and 'Lightspeed Alert alerts, screen shots, and reports' points to the alert notification.

Category	Description	Rating	Action
Access Denied	Websites that present a login page	Mature	...
Ads	Ad servers and advertising companies	Advertising	...
AI - Detective	Tools designed to detect the usage of AI to generate conten...	Artificial intelligence	...
AI - Generative	Tools to create content using AI including but not limited to:...	Artificial intelligence	...
Alcohol	Production, promotion and sale of alcoholic beverages	Mature	...
Artificial Intelligence	General AI-powered sites and services that provide user-acc...	Artificial intelligence	...
Audio/Video	Sources of audio and video files and streaming	Recreation	...
Automobile	Automobiles and motorcycles	Business and work	...
Business	Chambers of Commerce, business groups, services	Business and work	...

Block access to AI sites with Lightspeed Filter

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