

If I could clone myself for one task, it would be _____so I could spend more time



Stronger Connections Smarter Tools:
Using AI to Support Student Connections

@characterstrong

Charactez





School Counselor, Alta Loma School District, CA School Counselor for 8+ years



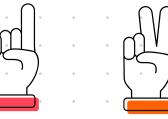
Proof that AI solves it all

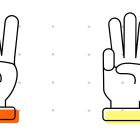
Why did the school counselor start using AI?

Because even Siri said "that sounds like a you problem"



How comfortable are you using Al?









Temperature

Check



What We Will Cover Today



What AI is (and isn't)



Tools that actually help your workflow



Tier-based real examples



Prompts, practice, and play



Alex's Story





Why this Matters

Relationships are everything.

Al can give us more time to connect —not less.

Let's use tech to make room for the real work.



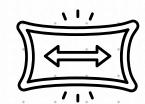
Why this Matters



More students, less time



Students struggling silently



Counselors & teachers stretched thin



AI Tools for Educators















Ethical Guardrails



Privacy



Bias



Transparency



Relationship First



Which Movie Is Your Current Support System?



The Avengers

Teamwork is strong, chaos still wins



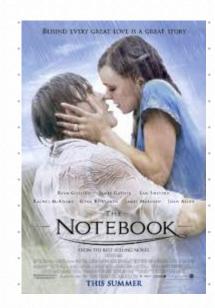
The Hunger Games

(May the odds be ever in your referral tracking)



Monsters, Inc.

Screams power the system... literally.



The Notebook

Because the tears are real and the tracking is emotional.



Tier 1: Quick SEL & Staff Support

ChatGPT: 15-min respectful language lesson

- Icebreaker + Reflection + Pledge
- MagicSchool: Quick scripts for tough topics
- For Admin: Use AI tools like MagicSchool or ChatGPT to create a bank of SEL mini-lesson
- Quick win: Canva: Type this into Canva's Magic Design:

"Create a kindness poster for 3rd graders with a fun animal theme."





Turn and Talk

What's one Tier 1 classroom need that pops up often for you?

What kind of quick script or mini-lesson would *you* want AI to build for you in 30 seconds?



Tier 2: Data You Can Use in Real Time

- Google Form mood checks
- ChatGPT: "Summarize & suggest Tier 2 supports"
- MagicSchool: Organize student behavior logs
- Admin Win: Standardize referrals & streamline data for support team meetings



Want to try this Monday? Here's your script:

Make a 3question Google Form for student check-ins. At the end of the week, paste the spreadsheet into ChatGPT.

Ask: 'What do you notice? What should I do next?





Turn and Talk

What data do you WISH you had organized like this right now?

What student comes to mind who could benefit from this system?



Tier 3: Crisis Moments

- **Grief Support Scripts**
- Parent Email Templates
- Al-generated coping activities

These are the moments we never want to rush. Al can prep us emotionally so we're present, not panicked.

Quick Wins:

Counselors: Save 3 go-to grief prompts in a shared Google Doc.

Administrators: Schedule a September planning hour to build Tier 3 toolkits with your team.





Turn and Talk

What's one prompt you could keep saved for Tier 3 emotional moments?



Beyond Behavior - AI in every Domain

College and Career

- Ask ChatGPT
 - Design a worksheet to help students identify their strengths and match them to future careers

Academic Planning:

- Ask ChatGPT
- Create a weekly academic planner template for a student who struggles with executive functioning

Group Counseling

- AskChatGPT/MagicSc hool
- Generate weekly journal prompts for a self-esteem group (grades 3-5)

Restorative Practice

Draft a re-entry plan template for a student returning from suspension



Tools to Try Monday











ChatGPT



Prompt Power

Be specific

Create a 15-minute SEL lesson for 4th graders on using kind words, with a turn-and-talk activity and a positive closing reflection

Give context

Tell it the grade level, the tone, the time

Test + revise

Don't be afraid to tweak.

Think of it like a super smart intern: wildly capable, but needs really clear directions.



One Tool, One Student, One Week



One Tool



One Student



One Week



Sarah Perri, School Counselor

Alta Loma School District, Rancho Cucamonga, CA sperri@alsd.org

Instagram: @counselingwithconfidence







60 Second Feedback

