

# EdTech & Learning Technology M&A Market Update

## Q4 2025 and 2026 Forecast

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Includes: Learning Management Systems (LMS), Corporate Learning & Training, K-12 EdTech Software, Higher Education Platforms, AI-Powered Learning, and Workforce Upskilling & Reskilling Solutions.



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# Who We Are?

*We advise buyers and sellers of software and technology services companies on M&A strategies, process, and execution to maximize shareholder value.*

Formed in 2009, Solganick provides investment banking and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) advisory services focused exclusively on the Software and Technology Services sectors. We use artificial intelligence and a data-driven approach to provide high quality deal execution and management for our clients.

Deal Size Range (Enterprise Value)

**\$25M to \$250M+**

Client Ownership

**Private or PE-  
Backed**

Revenues

**\$10M to \$250M+**

EBITDA

**\$2M to \$25M+**

M&A Transactions

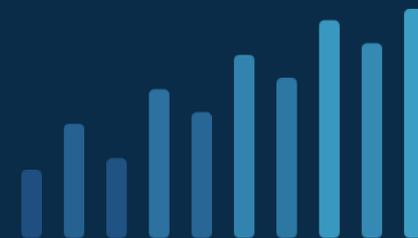
**200+**

Years in Business

**16**

Boston | Dallas | Los Angeles | San Francisco | Tampa

# Data-Driven *Technology* M&A Excellence



\$20B+

TRANSACTIONS COMPLETED

16+

YEARS OF EXPERTISE

200+

M&A DEALS EXECUTED

CLOUD  
COMPUTING

AI & DATA  
ANALYTICS

CYBERSECURITY

SAAS

DIGITAL  
TRANSFORMATION

EDTECH AND  
LEARNING TECH

# Recent Awards and Recognition

*Top Investment Bank, Top Technology M&A*



# EdTech & Learning Technology

## Highlighted Subsectors



### Learning Management & Systems (LMS)

Platforms powering course delivery, student engagement, and academic administration. Includes Canvas, Blackboard, Moodle, D2L, and Google Classroom ecosystems.



### Corporate Learning Services

Platforms and content providers enabling enterprise L&D, compliance training, and professional development. Includes Coursera, Udemy, LinkedIn Learning, and Cornerstone.



### AI-Powered Learning Consulting

Companies leveraging AI for personalized learning paths, intelligent tutoring, automated assessment, and adaptive content delivery. Fast-growing segment with highest valuation premiums.



### K-12 EdTech Software & Content

Software and content platforms serving PreK-12 schools and districts. Includes curriculum publishers, student information systems, and digital assessment tools.



### Higher Education Partners

Online degree programs, OPM providers, student lifecycle management, and campus technology platforms serving colleges and universities worldwide.



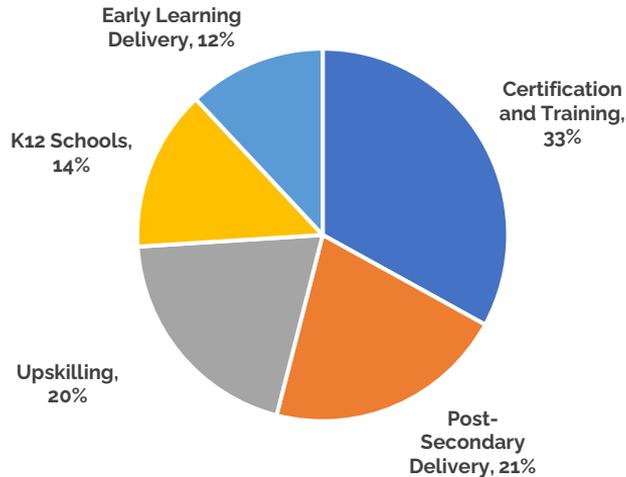
### Workforce Upskilling & Reskilling

Platforms addressing the AI-driven skills gap through reskilling programs, bootcamps, micro-credentials, and employer-sponsored training solutions.

# EdTech & Learning Technology M&A Update and Commentary

## Market Commentary

% of Deals, 2025, North America



EdTech M&A activity in Q4 2025 was marked by landmark consolidation including the \$2.5B Coursera-Udemy merger, as AI reshapes learning platforms and PE-backed exits accelerate.

Q4 2025 marked a pivotal inflection point for the EdTech M&A landscape. The Coursera-Udemy merger signals sector-wide consolidation as platforms race to embed AI into learning workflows.

- **Total Sector Deals (Q4 2025):** Approximately **410 deals** across the broader EdTech sector (52 were EdTech software & platforms), a 3.6% decrease from Q3 but with higher value-per-transaction. Most were **concentrated around systems, infrastructure, and job-aligned upskilling.**
- **Mega-Deal Concentration:** Transactions exceeding \$5B accounted for over 50% of total quarterly value.
- **Workforce training** continued to attract the most activity, while K-12 and post-secondary investment focused on digital curriculum, student success, and AI-supported learning.
- **Eight education IPOs came to market in 2025,** reflecting renewed but conservative appetite, with valuation discipline and AI readiness under close examination.
- **Regional Focus:** North America remained the primary engine (43% of deals), followed by Western Europe.

Sources: HolonIQ, Tracxn, Solganick proprietary research, R.L. Hulett, L.E.K.

# 2026 Strategic Forecast: "The Year of AI-Powered Consolidation"

2026 is poised to be the strongest year for EdTech M&A since the COVID-era peak. The global EdTech market reached ~\$205B in 2025, growing at 14% CAGR. PE firms hold record dry powder earmarked for education. AI-driven workforce transformation is creating unprecedented demand for learning platforms.



## Platform Consolidation

EdTech M&A volume is projected to increase 20-25% as PE-backed portfolio companies seek exits after 5-7 year hold periods. **Mid-market EdTech companies (\$10M-\$50M revenue) represent prime targets.**



## PE Exit Pressure

Stabilizing interest rates and **record PE dry powder** create favorable conditions. Major PE firms (KKR, Bain Capital, Thoma Bravo, Vista) are actively deploying in the education sector.



## AI as the #1 Deal Catalyst

**AI is the #1 deal catalyst in EdTech.** Companies with genuine AI capabilities (adaptive learning, AI tutoring, skills inference) command 2-3x valuation premiums over legacy platforms.



## IPO Window Reopening

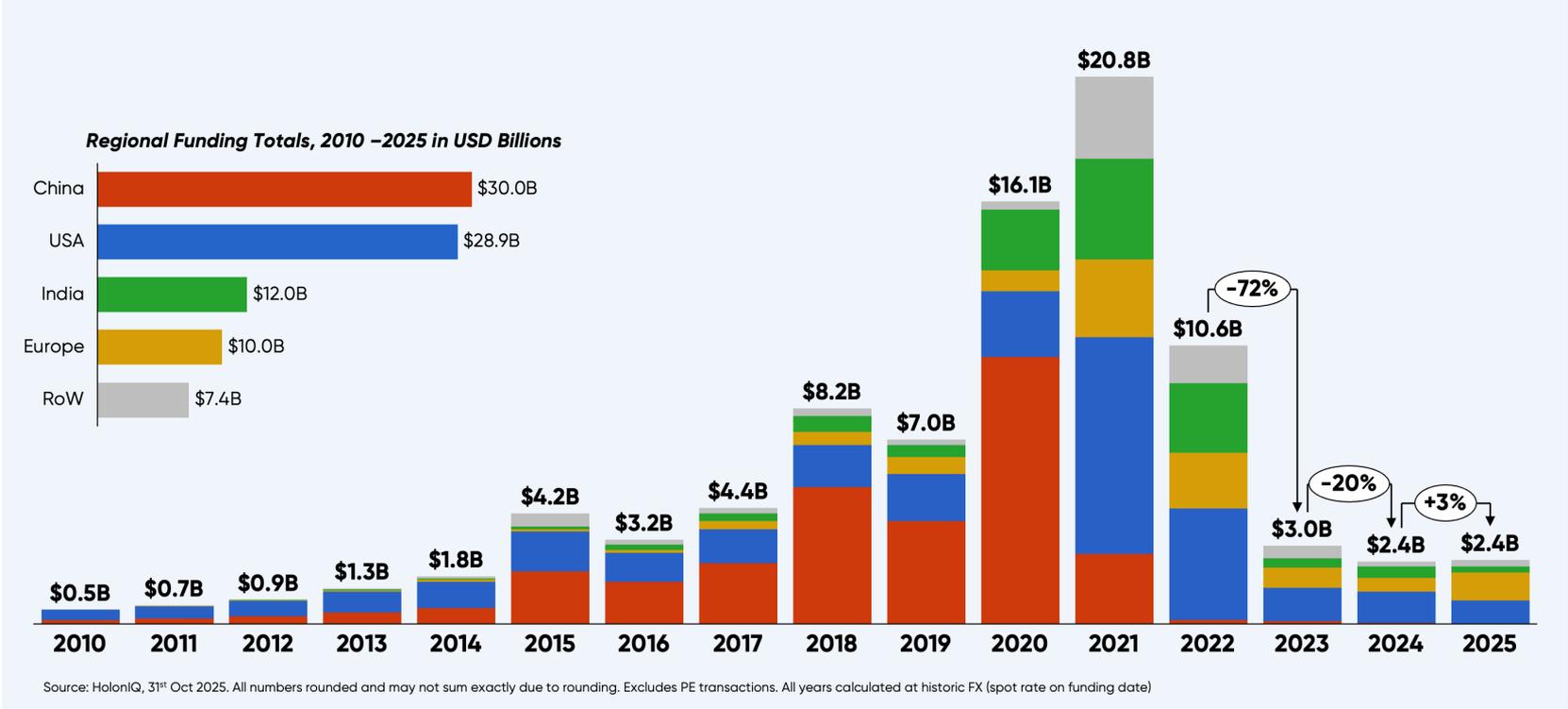
PhysicsWallah's successful \$5B IPO and the Phoenix Education Partners listing signal a reopening IPO window for EdTech in 2026, providing exit liquidity and stimulating deal flow.

***In 2026, the market will favor platforms with proven AI capabilities, strong retention metrics, and recurring SaaS revenue. EdTech SaaS infrastructure companies command 18x+ EV/Revenue, while consumer EdTech models trade below 5x.***

Sources: HolonIQ, Finro, Tracxn, Solganick proprietary research, L.E.K.

# Global Education Venture Capital Funding, 2010 –2025 in USD Billions

Venture capital reached **\$2.4B**, driven by small- to mid-sized deals and investor preference for AI-enabled, workflow-embedded, and workforce-aligned models.



Source: <https://www.holoniq.com/notes/2026-global-education-outlook>

# Trends Driving Deal Rationale

## Five Themes

Five core themes dominated EdTech & Learning Technology M&A in Q4 2025 and early 2026:

### **1. AI-Powered Personalized Learning**

Adaptive learning platforms, AI tutoring systems, and intelligent content creation tools dominated deal flow. The Coursera-Udemy merger explicitly targeted AI-era workforce skills. Companies with genuine AI capabilities command 2-3x premium valuations versus legacy platforms.

### **2. Platform Consolidation & Scale**

The \$5.6B PowerSchool and \$4.8B Instructure take-privates established new benchmarks for EdTech platform scale. The \$2.5B Coursera-Udemy merger created the world's largest online learning platform at 270M+ learners. Buyers seek platforms with ecosystem lock-in and network effects.

### **3. Corporate Learning & Workforce Reskilling**

Workforce training companies comprised one-third of all EdTech M&A in 2025. Learning Pool acquired WorkRamp, Thrive acquired Guider and Huler, and Pryor Learning acquired PeopleKeys. Enterprise demand for AI reskilling is driving premium valuations in the corporate L&D segment.

### **4. K-12 Digital Curriculum & Assessment**

K-12 EdTech continues consolidating as ESSER funds expire and districts simplify technology stacks. IXL Learning acquired Evan-Moor and MyTutor, Newsela acquired Generation Genius and Schoolytics, and Imagine Learning acquired EarlyBird. Buyers target content + data analytics integration.

### **5. Credentialing & Skills Verification**

As traditional degrees face scrutiny, micro-credentialing and skills verification platforms attract buyer interest. Instructure acquired Scribbles (credentialing), D2L acquired H5P Group (interactive content), and Workday signed a deal to acquire Paradox for AI-powered hiring and credentialing.

Sources: Solganick research, HolonIQ, Tracxn, L.E.K., Macquarie Capital

## Top (Selected) EdTech & Learning Technology M&A Transactions (Last 12 Months)

*Major strategic acquirers* Major PE firms and strategic acquirers including KKR, Bain Capital, Coursera, IXL Learning, and Newsela shaping the EdTech landscape.

Buyer	Target	Value	Focus Area	Date
NIIT Learning Systems	SweetRush	\$26M	AI-enabled, human-centered learning experience design and training, and certification-oriented content	Jan 2026
Newsela	Schoolytics	Undisclosed	Student data analytics platform	Jan 2026
Workday	Sana	\$1.1B	AI Learning platform	Sept 2025
Coursera	Udemy	\$2.5B	Online learning, workforce upskilling	Dec 2025
TCS	Coastal Cloud	\$700M	Salesforce/cloud consulting for education and public sector	Dec 2025
Learning Pool	WorkRamp	Undisclosed	Corporate learning platform	Oct 2025
IXL Learning	Evan-Moor	Undisclosed	K-12 educational publishing	Oct 2025
IXL Learning	MyTutor	Undisclosed	AI lesson planning & tutoring	May 2025
Complete (Heritage Holding)	Columbia Advisory Group	Undisclosed	Provider of managed security and managed services for colleges and universities	June 2025
Newsela	Generation Genius	\$100M	K-8 STEM video content (Science and Math)	Feb 2025
Ridgemont Equity Partners	Strata Information Group	Undisclosed	Provider of IT services for colleges and universities	Jan 2025



Transaction



SIG is a previous client of Solganick (Fort Point/SIG)

Source: Solganick & Co. research based on publicly available press releases and news reports.

## Top (Selected) EdTech & Learning Technology M&A Transactions (continued)

Buyer	Target	Value	Focus Area	Date
<b>Edmentum</b>	<b>MajorClarity</b>	Undisclosed	Career discovery, academic planning tools, CTE curricula, and certification prep	Oct 2025
<b>Kami</b>	<b>Book Creator</b>	Undisclosed	K-12 collaborative content	Sept 2025
<b>Thrive Learning</b>	<b>Huler</b>	Undisclosed	AI employee experience hub and smart intranet provider	Aug 2025
<b>Thrive Learning</b>	<b>Guider</b>	Undisclosed	AI mentoring & coaching platform	July 2025
<b>Pryor Learning</b>	<b>PeopleKeys</b>	Undisclosed	DISC assessments & analytics	Feb 2025
<b>Cengage</b>	<b>Visible Body</b>	\$100M	Interactive 3D science education	Jan 2025

Source: Solganick & Co. research based on publicly available press releases and news reports. Dates reflect deal announcement or close dates as reported.

## Buyer Spotlight: Most Active EdTech Strategic Acquirers & PE Sponsors

### **KKR / Dragoneer**      **\$4.8B Instructure take-private (Nov 2024)**

Landmark \$4.8B acquisition of Instructure (Canvas LMS) backed by Dragoneer. Focus: scaling global learning ecosystem, expanding AI capabilities, targeting \$1B revenue by 2028. Represents the largest LMS take-private in EdTech history.

### **Bain Capital**      **\$5.6B PowerSchool take-private (Oct 2024)**

Acquired K-12 cloud SaaS leader PowerSchool for \$5.6B, the largest K-12 EdTech transaction ever. Focus: AI-powered student information systems, PowerBuddy generative AI platform, and global expansion to 60M+ students across 90+ countries.

### **IXL Learning**      **Multiple strategic acquisitions in 2025**

Continued aggressive roll-up strategy with acquisitions of Evan-Moor (publishing), MyTutor (AI tutoring), Rosetta Stone, ABCmouse, and others. Building a comprehensive K-12 learning platform.

### **Coursera (Merging with Udemy)**      **\$2.5B all-stock merger (Dec 2025)**

The Coursera-Udemy merger creates the largest online learning platform globally with 270M+ learners, 12,000+ courses, and \$1.5B+ in combined revenue. Strategic rationale: AI-era workforce skills, \$115M in synergies.

### **Newsela**      **Multiple K-12 content & data acquisitions**

Acquired Generation Genius (STEM video content) and Schoolytics (student data analytics) to expand from core literacy into broader K-12 curriculum delivery and educator data-driven instruction capabilities.

Sources: Solganick research, company press releases, HolonIQ



## Buyer Profile: IXL Learning – Serial EdTech Acquirer

Date	Target Company	Sector Domain	HQ Location	Description
2025	<b>Evan-Moor</b>	K-12 Publishing	United States	Educational publishing, 350+ print titles
2025	<b>MyTutor</b>	AI Tutoring	United Kingdom	AI lesson planning & adaptive tutoring
2024	<b>Rosetta Stone</b>	Language Learning	United States	Language learning platform & technology
2024	<b>ABCmouse</b>	Early Learning	United States	Early childhood digital learning
2023	<b>Wyzant</b>	Tutoring	United States	Online tutoring marketplace
2023	<b>Carson Dellosa</b>	K-12 Content	United States	K-12 educational content publisher
2022	<b>Vocabulary.com</b>	EdTech	United States	Adaptive vocabulary learning platform
2021	<b>Enki</b>	Skills Platform	United States	Developer skills training platform
2020	<b>SpanishDict</b>	Language	United States	Spanish language learning platform
2019	<b>Encyclopedia.com</b>	Reference	United States	Online reference and research tool

*IXL Learning has emerged as one of EdTech's most active acquirers. The company has built a comprehensive K-12 learning platform through acquisitions of Rosetta Stone, ABCmouse (Age of Learning), Evan-Moor, MyTutor, and others, targeting adaptive learning and content integration.*

*Sources: Company press releases, Solganick research, EdWeek Market Brief*

## Highlighted Subsector: Learning Management Systems (LMS)

### Market Commentary

The LMS market saw landmark consolidation in 2024-2025. KKR's \$4.8B take-private of Instructure (Canvas) and ongoing innovation by D2L, Blackboard, and Google Classroom define the competitive landscape.

- Canvas (Instructure) serves 200M+ learners across 100+ countries, positioning it as the dominant K-12 and higher ed LMS globally.
- D2L acquired H5P Group to enhance interactive content creation within its Brightspace LMS platform.
- Anthology (Blackboard parent) entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy after accumulating \$1B+ in debt through aggressive acquisitions.
- AI-powered LMS features (adaptive learning paths, AI tutors, automated grading) command premium pricing and drive consolidation.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
Nov 2024	<b>Instructure</b>	<b>KKR/Dragoneer</b>	LMS platform (Canvas) - \$4.8B
2025	<b>Scribbles</b>	<b>Instructure</b>	K-12 credentialing & records
2025	<b>H5P Group</b>	<b>D2L</b>	Interactive content creation SW
2025	<b>Readlee</b>	<b>Paper</b>	AI speech SaaS for reading
2024	<b>Anthology</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>	Blackboard parent bankruptcy
2024	<b>EesySoft</b>	<b>D2L</b>	Digital adoption platform

Sources: Tracxn, Company Websites, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: Corporate Learning & Workforce Training

### Market Commentary

**Corporate learning and workforce training saw the highest M&A volume in EdTech during 2025, driven by urgent AI reskilling demand.**

- The landmark Coursera-Udemy \$2.5B merger (Dec 2025) will create the largest online workforce learning platform globally.
- Corporate L&D market estimated at \$400B+ globally. Enterprise AI training budgets accelerating rapidly.
- Learning Pool acquired WorkRamp to expand its U.S. corporate learning footprint.
- Workforce training firms comprised one-third of all EdTech M&A deals in Q1 2025, including TLG Learning and Clover Learning.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
Jan 2026	<b>SweetRush</b>	<b>NIIT</b>	AI-enabled, human-centered learning experience design and training, and certification-oriented content (\$26M)
Dec 2025	<b>Udemy</b>	<b>Coursera</b>	Online learning merger (\$2.5B)
Oct 2025	<b>WorkRamp</b>	<b>Learning Pool</b>	Corporate learning platform
Aug 2025	<b>Huler</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	Employee experience hub
July 2025	<b>Guider</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	AI mentoring & coaching
Feb 2025	<b>PeopleKeys</b>	<b>Pryor Learning</b>	DISC assessments & analytics

Sources: HolonIQ, Training Industry, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: K-12 EdTech Software & Content

### Market Commentary

**Bain Capital's \$5.6B PowerSchool acquisition (Oct 2024) remains the largest K-12 EdTech deal in history, signaling strong PE interest in the sector.**

- IXL Learning continued its roll-up strategy, acquiring Evan-Moor (publishing) and MyTutor (AI tutoring) to build a comprehensive K-12 platform.
- Newsela expanded beyond literacy with acquisitions of Generation Genius (STEM video) and Schoolytics (student data analytics).
- ESSER fund expiration is driving K-12 districts to consolidate vendors, creating acquisition opportunities for platform players.
- AI-powered adaptive curriculum and formative assessment tools command premium valuations in the K-12 segment.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
Jan 2026	<b>Schoolytics</b>	<b>Newsela</b>	Student data analytics
Oct 2025	<b>Evan-Moor</b>	<b>IXL Learning</b>	K-12 educational publisher
2025	<b>Generation Genius</b>	<b>Newsela</b>	K-8 STEM video content
2025	<b>EarlyBird</b>	<b>Imagine Learning</b>	Dyslexia screener & literacy
Oct 2024	<b>PowerSchool</b>	<b>Bain Capital</b>	K-12 SaaS platform (\$5,6B)

Sources: EdWeek Market Brief, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: AI-Powered Learning & Adaptive Platforms

### Market Commentary

**AI-powered learning platforms command the highest valuations in EdTech: 18x+ EV/Revenue for SaaS infrastructure, 10-12x for corporate learning platforms.**

- Duolingo announced democratization of its AI features to free tier in early 2026, signaling AI is becoming a baseline capability rather than premium differentiator.
- Adaptive learning engines, AI tutoring systems, and intelligent content creation tools represent the fastest-growing EdTech M&A segments.
- Companies with genuine AI-driven learning outcomes data command 2-3x valuation premiums versus legacy content-only platforms.
- MagicSchool AI, Khanmigo, and other AI-native EdTech companies attracted significant venture capital, positioning them as future acquisition targets.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
Q3 2025	<b>Guider</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	AI mentoring & coaching platform
2025	<b>Upduo</b>	<b>Arcade</b>	AI sales coaching for retail
2025	<b>MiniMBA</b>	<b>Brave Bison</b>	Professional AI training
2025	<b>ClassHook</b>	<b>ClickView</b>	AI-curated video learning
2025	<b>Skillhabit</b>	<b>TicTac Group</b>	AI-powered learning (Sweden)

Sources: Finro, HolonIQ, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: Higher Education Platforms & OPM

### Market Commentary

#### Higher education EdTech saw transformative M&A with the \$4.8B Instructure take-private and significant OPM market restructuring as institutions reassess outsourced online models.

- Regent acquired Pearson Online Learning Services, repositioning the OPM market as traditional providers divest non-core assets.
- PhysicsWallah's successful IPO (Nov 2025, \$5B market cap) demonstrated investor appetite for EdTech in emerging markets.
- Notable transactions included GenNX360/Heartland Business Systems, Recognize/Security Risk Advisors, and Limerston Capital/Aristi, highlighting strong activity by financial sponsors during the quarter.
- Focused acquisitions reflected ongoing strategic interest in adding specialized security capabilities, such as Hexaware/CyberSolve (\$66MM) and Nomios/Intragen, especially identity and access management expertise.
- Phoenix Education Partners (University of Phoenix parent) returned to public markets in Oct 2025 at \$1.14B valuation, backed by Apollo and Vistria, signaling renewed investor confidence.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
Nov 2024	<b>Instructure</b>	<b>KKR/Dragoneer</b>	Canvas LMS - \$4.8B take-private
2025	<b>H5P Group</b>	<b>D2L</b>	Interactive content for Brightspace
2025	<b>Pearson Online</b>	<b>Regent</b>	OPM services acquisition
Oct 2025	<b>Phoenix Ed.</b>	<b>IPO (Apollo)</b>	Public market listing (\$1.14B)
2025	<b>Efficient Learning</b>	<b>UWorld</b>	Computer-based exam reviews
2025	<b>Akademos</b>	<b>VitalSource</b>	Online custom bookstore
Nov 2025	<b>PhysicsWallah</b>	<b>IPO</b>	India EdTech IPO (\$5B cap)
2025	<b>Datascientest</b>	<b>OMNES Ed.</b>	Online tech & data school
2025	<b>KnowledgePlanet</b>	<b>PhysicsWallah</b>	

Source: Tracxn, Mordor Intelligence, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: Assessment, Credentialing & Student Services

### Market Commentary

**Assessment and credentialing platforms saw heightened M&A interest as employers shift toward skills-based hiring and micro-credentials replace traditional degrees.**

- Instructure acquired Scribbles (K-12 credentialing). Workday announced acquisition of Paradox (AI-powered hiring and assessment).
- Raptor Technologies acquired PayK12 (school payments). Transit Technologies acquired Bytecurve (student transportation management).
- Roper Technologies acquired Transact Campus (campus technology and payments). School Specialty acquired Nasco Education (Dec 2025).
- Edmentum acquired Pointful Education for career readiness and CTE course delivery.
- K12 Coalition (PE-backed by Quad-C) acquired Keys to Literacy and Professional Development Institute for educator training.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
2025	<b>Scribbles</b>	<b>Instructure</b>	K-12 credentialing solutions
2025	<b>Paradox</b>	<b>Workday</b>	AI hiring & assessment
2025	<b>PayK12</b>	<b>Raptor Tech</b>	School payment solutions
2025	<b>Transact Campus</b>	<b>Roper Tech</b>	Campus tech & payments
2025	<b>Bytecurve</b>	<b>Transit Tech</b>	Student transportation SW
Dec 2025	<b>Nasco Education</b>	<b>School Specialty</b>	K-12 ed supplies
2025	<b>Pointful Ed.</b>	<b>Edmentum</b>	CTE & career readiness
2025	<b>EduLink</b>	<b>Tyler Tech</b>	Education management SW

Sources: EdWeek Market Brief, Solganick Proprietary Database

## Highlighted Subsector: Language Learning & International EdTech

### Market Commentary

**Language learning and international EdTech M&A accelerated in 2025. Cross-border acquisitions increased as platforms expand into new geographic markets.**

- IXL Learning's acquisition of Rosetta Stone reinforced the convergence of language learning with adaptive AI technology.
- Duolingo's dominance (700M+ users) shapes competitive dynamics, with smaller language platforms seeking scale through M&A.
- Emerging market EdTech platforms in India, LATAM, and Africa attract both strategic and financial buyers seeking rapid growth.

### Select M&A Transactions

Date	Target	Acquirer	Summary
2025	<b>Learnlight</b>	<b>Synova (PE)</b>	Digital language & skills training
2025	<b>KidsBook</b>	<b>Colegium</b>	Preschool EdTech (Chile)
Nov 2025	<b>PhysicsWallah</b>	<b>IPO</b>	India EdTech - \$5B market cap
2025	<b>Joshin</b>	<b>RethinkFirst</b>	Neurodiversity support services
2025	<b>Goodkind</b>	<b>Niche</b>	College discovery platform

Sources: HolonIQ, Solganick Proprietary Database

# EdTech & Learning Technology

## Private Company Valuation Multiples

Sector	EV / Revenue	EV / EBITDA	Market Trend / Notes
<b>EdTech SaaS &amp; Infrastructure</b>	5.0x - 18.0x	15.0x - 25.0x	Highest premiums for LMS/SIS platforms. Canvas, PowerSchool at top of range.
<b>Corporate Learning</b>	2.0x - 5.0x	10.0x - 15.0x	Enterprise clients, multi-year contracts. Coursera/Udemy merger at ~3x revenue.
<b>AI-Powered Learning</b>	3.0x - 8.0x	12.0x - 20.0x	Highest growth. Genuine adaptive AI and outcomes data command scarcity premiums.
<b>K-12 Software &amp; Content</b>	2.0x - 4.0x	10.0x - 16.0x	Strong recurring district contracts. PowerSchool (\$5.6B) set benchmark.
<b>Consumer EdTech (D2C)</b>	1.0x - 3.0x	6.0x - 10.0x	Lower multiples. Higher CAC, limited pricing power. Chegg collapse a warning.

*Note: **Median EV/Revenue across EdTech is ~7.8x** (Finiro Q4 2025, 271 observations). **EdTech SaaS infrastructure leads at 18.6x**. B2B models outperform consumer. Average small/mid EdTech company valued at **2-3x trailing ARR**. **Firms above \$20M EBITDA see 16x-20x EBITDA multiples**. Companies with agentic AI and automation capabilities are commanding premium valuations.*

# Valuation Drivers: Variance for EdTech & Learning Technology Companies

## The "AI Authenticity" Premium

Investors distinguish between genuine AI-powered learning platforms and those with superficial AI features. Companies demonstrating measurable improvements in learning outcomes through AI command 2-3x valuation premiums.

## The Retention & Revenue Quality Effect

Revenue quality now matters more than revenue speed. EdTech companies with high Net Revenue Retention (NRR), low churn, and multi-year enterprise contracts see highest multiples. B2B models consistently outperform D2C.

## The Platform Scale Arbitrage

PE groups acquire smaller EdTech companies at 2-3x ARR and integrate into platforms commanding 5-18x. IXL Learning exemplifies this roll-up strategy across K-12 content and adaptive learning.

## Capital Efficiency in EdTech

Investors now evaluate how efficiently EdTech companies convert each dollar raised into enterprise value. The median EV/Funding ratio of 3.8x indicates a maturing market. Profitability is prioritized over growth.

## Content + Technology Moat

EdTech companies with proprietary content libraries, unique learning data, and defensible technology (adaptive engines, skills graphs) trade at premiums. Pure marketplace models without proprietary content face commoditization risk.

**Note: Running a structured sell-side M&A process drives up valuations. EdTech valuations have normalized post-COVID but remain above traditional service businesses at 2-3x trailing ARR for quality assets.**

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Appendix:

# EdTech & Learning Technology M&A Transaction Tables, Q4 2025



## EdTech & Learning Technology M&A: December 2025

Date	Acquired Company	Acquirer	Overview
Dec 17, 2025	<b>Udemy</b>	<b>Coursera</b>	Online learning merger (\$2.5B)
Dec 2025	<b>Nasco Education</b>	<b>School Specialty</b>	K-12 educational supplies
Dec 2025	<b>Coastal Cloud</b>	<b>TCS</b>	Salesforce/AWS ed partner (\$700M)
Dec 2025	<b>Book Creator</b>	<b>Kami</b>	K-12 collaborative content
Dec 2025	<b>Pointful Education</b>	<b>Savvas Learning</b>	Online CTE courses
Dec 2025	<b>Whooo's Reading</b>	<b>Savvas Learning</b>	AI reading comprehension
Dec 2025	<b>Keys to Literacy</b>	<b>K12 Coalition</b>	Professional development
Dec 2025	<b>Prof. Dev. Institute</b>	<b>K12 Coalition</b>	Educator training
Dec 2025	<b>Coursemojo Virtual</b>	<b>Proximity Learning</b>	Virtual class business
Dec 2025	<b>MST Group</b>	<b>NIIT Learning</b>	Managed learning (Germany)
Dec 2025	<b>Workera Partnership</b>	<b>Udemy</b>	AI skills verification
Late 2025	<b>Efficient Learning</b>	<b>UWorld</b>	Exam review courses
Late 2025	<b>Akademios</b>	<b>VitalSource</b>	Online bookstore solutions
Late 2025	<b>Datascientest</b>	<b>OMNES Education</b>	Online data/tech school

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Nov 2025	<b>PhysicsWallah IPO</b>	<b>Public Market</b>	India EdTech IPO (\$5B cap)
Nov 2025	<b>Guider</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	AI mentoring & coaching
Nov 2025	<b>Huler</b>	<b>Thrive</b>	AI employee experience hub
Nov 2025	<b>Upduo</b>	<b>Arcade</b>	AI sales coaching platform
Nov 2025	<b>Joshin</b>	<b>RethinkFirst</b>	Neurodiversity support
Oct 2025	<b>Phoenix Ed. Partners</b>	<b>IPO (Apollo)</b>	Univ of Phoenix parent (\$1.14B)
Oct 2025	<b>Evan-Moor</b>	<b>IXL Learning</b>	K-12 publisher (350+ titles)
Oct 2025	<b>MyTutor</b>	<b>IXL Learning</b>	AI lesson planning & tutoring
Oct 2025	<b>Learnlight</b>	<b>Synova (PE)</b>	Digital language training
Oct 2025	<b>MiniMBA</b>	<b>Brave Bison</b>	Professional training
Q3 2025	<b>Generation Genius</b>	<b>Newsela</b>	K-8 STEM video content
Q3 2025	<b>ClassHook</b>	<b>ClickView</b>	Curated video learning
Q3 2025	<b>Honor Education</b>	<b>Series A (\$38M)</b>	Learning platform
Q3 2025	<b>Skillhabit</b>	<b>TicTac Group</b>	AI learning (Sweden)

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Date	Acquired Company	Acquirer	Overview
2025	<b>WorkRamp</b>	<b>Learning Pool</b>	Corporate digital learning
2025	<b>PeopleKeys</b>	<b>Pryor Learning</b>	DISC assessments & analytics
2025	<b>H5P Group</b>	<b>D2L</b>	Interactive content SW
2025	<b>Scribbles</b>	<b>Instructure</b>	K-12 credentialing & records
2025	<b>EarlyBird</b>	<b>Imagine Learning</b>	Dyslexia screener & literacy
2025	<b>Visible Body</b>	<b>Cengage Group</b>	3D science education models
2025	<b>BioDigital</b>	<b>Anatome</b>	Biomedical visualization SW
2025	<b>PayK12</b>	<b>Raptor Tech</b>	K-12 school payments
2025	<b>Bytecurve</b>	<b>Transit Tech</b>	Student transportation SW
2025	<b>Readlee</b>	<b>Paper</b>	AI speech SaaS for reading
2025	<b>KidsBook</b>	<b>Colegium</b>	Preschool EdTech (Chile)
2025	<b>Goodkind</b>	<b>Niche</b>	K-12 & college discovery
Nov 2024	<b>Instructure</b>	<b>KKR/Dragoneer</b>	Canvas LMS - \$4.8B
Oct 2024	<b>PowerSchool</b>	<b>Bain Capital</b>	K-12 SaaS - \$5.6B