



Bridge2Rwanda Extends Partnership with IXL to Support Students Developing English Language Skills

Bridge2Rwanda's students will continue using IXL's personalized learning platform to improve their English-language proficiency and increase their chances of obtaining university scholarships

KIGALI, Rwanda — January 30, 2023 — [IXL](#), the personalized learning platform used by 15 million students worldwide, has announced an extension of its partnership with [Bridge2Rwanda](#) (B2R), a nonprofit dedicated to creating global education opportunities for high-achieving African students. B2R educators will continue leveraging IXL's award-winning platform to deliver targeted English language arts (ELA) instruction, helping learners build and master literacy skills essential for securing university scholarships. In total, B2R has used IXL to support 500 students across eight different training programs since the partnership began.

Despite encouraging improvements in literacy rates, limited access to resources and a nascent reading culture pose significant challenges to educational achievement in Rwanda. Recognizing the pivotal role education plays in enhancing socioeconomic outcomes, Bridge2Rwanda was established in 2007 to empower Rwandan high school students with high-quality reading and writing opportunities. B2R's ultimate goal is to build a thriving community of well-educated African leaders who will accelerate their nations' growth and improve the lives of others.

B2R began using [IXL Language Arts](#) in 2019 to support the English language development of 30 high-achieving scholars from Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Burundi. In 2020, the nonprofit relied on IXL's all-inclusive platform to ensure that its English language learners (ELLs) developed essential ELA skills during distance learning. After two years of an impactful partnership, B2R made IXL an integral component of its new intensive English training and college preparatory program, [Isomo Academy](#). The inaugural class of 120 Isomo Academy scholars quickly embraced IXL's tailored support, built-in instructional resources, and engaging learning opportunities.



During the first week of Isomo Academy's eight-week training program, educators use IXL's adaptive assessment, [the Real-Time Diagnostic](#), to pinpoint each student's English proficiency level, helping them understand individual strengths and areas for improvement. Based on these insights, the diagnostic then

generates personalized skill recommendations to challenge and support learners at the right level. Additionally, B2R educators use the diagnostic to track student growth each week to ensure that students are progressing and mastering essential ELA concepts.

Bridge2Rwanda educators also rely on IXL's [comprehensive curriculum](#) to help students build the skills that they need to become strong communicators. Each day at Isomo Academy, students take writing and reading classes that are paired with intensive language and communication seminars. Additionally, students work on IXL skills that align with their classroom lessons. The combined approach allows educators to engage students at their individual levels, assign homework, and differentiate learning beyond the school day.

"IXL bursts bottlenecks for Bridge2Rwanda scholars by eliminating language barriers," **said Luke Dreiling, Lead English Teacher, Bridge2Rwanda.** "This enables them to excel in their studies, advance their careers, and contribute significantly to the growth of African communities."

"Bridge2Rwanda's dedication to expanding educational opportunities for young African students is commendable. We are excited to continue equipping even more bright and ambitious learners with the tools they need to confidently pursue their dreams on a global scale," **said Paul Mishkin, CEO of IXL Learning.** "At IXL, we are committed to leveraging education as an instrument of empowerment to break down language barriers and ensure all students have the opportunity to thrive."

IXL's impact on English language learners

IXL Language Arts gives teachers a systematic way to troubleshoot each student's unique reading and writing roadblocks, and put them on the path to success: Among schools with a high percentage of ELLs, [research](#) demonstrates that those using IXL outperformed non-IXL schools on Smarter Balanced Assessments in ELA by as much as seven percentile points.

IXL's [comprehensive curriculum](#) provides more than 2,400 adaptive skills that span early literacy, reading comprehension, grammar, vocabulary, and advanced concepts, such as persuasive writing. Each IXL skill is adaptive, ensuring that ELLs feel confident that they are perfectly challenged and supported at the right level when developing fluency.

IXL's adaptive assessment, the [Real-Time Diagnostic](#), pinpoints students' grade-level proficiency in key ELA strands, and generates targeted next steps to help students grow from where they are. As English language learners progress, these personalized recommendations stay up-to-date, ensuring that they always have a clear path toward mastering ELA concepts.

As students learn and practice, IXL provides in-the-moment support and resources for self-remediation. For example, [video tutorials](#) guide learners through the building blocks of reading, writing, and grammar to provide additional support during learning and independent practice. If a student answers a problem incorrectly, IXL provides a step-by-step explanation of the right answer so that students can learn from their mistake and solidify their knowledge of that skill.

Educators also rely on insights from [IXL Analytics](#) to track student progress, monitor readiness for exams, and differentiate instruction to fill knowledge gaps. Up-to-date reports help teachers uncover areas of challenge for each student and identify patterns in mistakes in order to provide targeted reteaching.

About Bridge2Rwanda

[Bridge2Rwanda](#) was created in 2007 to create opportunities for Rwanda's most promising students to obtain a global education. The mission of Bridge2Rwanda is to build a lifelong fellowship of high-capacity leaders in Africa to accelerate the growth of their countries and improve the lives of others. Since its conception, Bridge2Rwanda has helped more than 400 African students compete and win scholarships from around the world, with more than \$100M in cumulative scholarships.

About IXL

Currently used by 15 million students and in 95 of the top 100 U.S. school districts, IXL is an all-inclusive educational platform that provides a comprehensive PK-12 curriculum and instructional resources, actionable analytics and a state-of-the-art assessment suite. IXL's end-to-end teaching and learning solution supports personalized instruction in math, English language arts, science, social studies and Spanish. With more than 130 billion questions asked and answered around the world, IXL is helping schools and parents successfully boost student achievement. The IXL Learning [family of products](#) also includes [Rosetta Stone](#), [TPT](#), [SpanishDictionary.com](#), [inglés.com](#), [Wyzant](#), [Vocabulary.com](#), [ABCya](#), [Education.com](#) and [Emmersion](#). To learn more about IXL, visit www.ixl.com, facebook.com/IXL and twitter.com/IXLlearning.

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