



The State of Education in the United States

Despite countless reforms, the U.S. education system remains deeply ineffective and unequal. In math, for instance, only a quarter of 12th graders score at or above proficient according to NAEP standards. Due to inequality, white and wealthy students are more likely to perform well than minority and poor students. COVID-19 and school closures have only amplified this inequality.

Although few interventions have shown to make a big dent in educational outcomes, one stands out from the rest: quality small group tutoring. In [repeated randomized evaluations](#), tutoring programs have shown tremendous results. In Chicago, for example, a tutoring program propelled students 1-2 entire grade levels ahead of where they would have been otherwise.

The problem is that until recently, tutoring was a solution only for the wealthy few. Academic tutoring is often expensive and does not scale. At its worst, it cuts away at public education and erodes the promise of a level playing field in society.

Peer-to-Peer Tutoring is a Powerful Solution

A peer-to-peer tutoring platform can change this. Like other types of tutoring, peer tutoring is a powerful intervention for struggling students. But unlike other tutoring, it can also be educational and empowering for the tutor, as well as inspiring and motivating for the tutee. In fact, with the appropriate training and support, student peers are often the best tutors for a given subject, because of their ability to relate to the learner. Most notably, peer tutoring is sustainable and scalable in a way that traditional tutoring isn't.

Sal Khan's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

As soon as COVID-19 hit, schools transitioned to online learning and students around the world craved more social interaction. Sal Khan, founder of Khan Academy, saw that access to personalized and personal help was more inequitable than ever. This urgency, along with his vision of a peer tutoring platform originating from his 2012 book, *The One World Schoolhouse*, prompted him to start schoolhouse.world. Although set up as a separate non-profit from Khan Academy, the two are complementary.

What is Schoolhouse.world

Schoolhouse.world is a free, peer-to-peer tutoring platform in which anyone, anywhere can receive live help, and then certify their mastery to also become tutors and share their certifications with the world. The current focus is high school math and SAT reading & writing, with plans to expand to other areas soon. All the small-group tutoring sessions happen over Zoom.

The previous pilot platform was used by thousands of students from over 40 countries. Students have overwhelmingly rated their tutoring sessions as "super helpful" (91% of the time). In January 2021, a redesigned platform was relaunched and is now ready to serve hundreds of thousands of students.

Partnership Opportunities with Schoolhouse.world

Schoolhouse.world actively seeks partnerships which will increase student awareness of our platform, enable students to receive recognition for their learning and tutoring effort, and integrate schoolhouse.world into academic curriculums and reforms. Partnership opportunities include:

Awareness: Encourage students to use schoolhouse.world's free, high-quality tutoring services. We are available to work with school systems and education organizations to distribute personalized informational materials to student, parent, and teacher communities.

Recognition: Offer students extra credit, volunteer hours, academic credit, or special recognition for using schoolhouse.world. If desired, our team will work with you to track student participation, monitor engagement, and report back progress on our platform.

Integration: Work with our team to integrate schoolhouse.world into existing academic curriculums and future educational reforms. Through sustainable and effective connections between your community and our platform, we can provide peer-to-peer tutoring services to your students at any time, while enabling us to improve over time the schoolhouse.world platform.

Interested in partnering with schoolhouse.world? Reach out at partner@schoolhouse.world to discuss how we may together bring free, peer-to-peer tutoring to students around the world.

Student Testimonials

Academic tutoring is backed by [extensive research](#). There are numerous success stories from schoolhouse.world students from around the world.

"Schoolhouse.world has really had an **amazing impact on my confidence and growth** when it comes to math. On this journey, I have also built some wonderful relationships with tutors who are super smart and very professional."

– Carl, student in the United States 

"Schoolhouse.world opened doors of **global social interaction** for me. I've connected well with one of my tutors and it has been such a wonderful time with him. He has made learning things so much fun and easy."

– Pari, student in India 

"Schoolhouse.world has **helped me a lot during these tough months of the COVID19 lockdown** by ensuring I do not forget my education and also helping me get better grades."

– Nahom, student in Ethiopia 