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# Market Update

### Education Technology M&A & Capital Raising Activity

#### Number of U.S. Deals by Quarter<sup>(1)</sup>



Strategic PE - Majority / Sale PE - Minority

196 transactions were announced in Q3 2024, 76%+ of which were minority deals

Dollar Volume of U.S. Deals by Quarter<sup>(1)(2)</sup>



Nearly \$868.0 million in Q3 2024 in announced transaction value,  $\sim$ 97% of which came from minority PE deals<sup>(3)</sup>

1. Source: PitchBook for the period July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 to Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

2. Comprised of deals where the \$ amount of investment was disclosed

3. Majority of the deal sizes were not captured in Pitchbook

### Education Technology M&A & Capital Raising Activity

Q3 2024 U.S. Deals by Sector

#### Q3 2024 U.S. Deals by Domain



Administrative / School Operations 14% Communications & Social 5% Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Corporate Learning, 27% Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Commerce 11% Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success 14% Mts, Classroom & Other Learning Tech 14%

Companies focused on the K-12 and Corporate markets comprised 78%+ of the transactions announced in Q3 2024

The industry witnessed a focus on Online Learning and Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting in Q3 2024, which comprised 43%+ of transactions

1. Source: Mergermarket; Selected Recent Strategic M&A Activity and Selected Recent Private Equity Activity from the period Jul 1st 2024 to Sep 30th 2024



### Market Valuation Metrics

#### Education Technology TEV / Revenue<sup>(1)(3)</sup>



2024 2025



#### Education Technology TEV / EBITDA<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

2024 2025

Source: CapIQ and Equity Research as of Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

1. Revenue multiples <0.0x or >20.0x are considered Not Meaningful (NM)

2. EBITDA multiples <0.0x or >35.0x are considered Not Meaningful (NM)

3. Omits companies where multiples for FY2024 or FY2025 are either not available or not meaningful

### Market Valuation Metrics

#### Education Services TEV / Revenue<sup>(1)(3)</sup>



2024 2025



Education Services TEV / EBITDA<sup>(2)(3)</sup>

2024 2025

Source: CapIQ and Equity Research as of Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2024

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### Public Comparables

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Education Technology			-	Revenue	(2)	EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>		Revenue Growth <sup>(2)</sup> El		EBITDA Ma	rgin <sup>(3)</sup>		
Company	Stock Price 09/30/2024	Market Cap	Enterprise Value <sup>(1)</sup>	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	23A / 24E	24E/ 25E	2024E	2025E		
Oracle	\$170.40	\$478,276	\$552,333	9.9x	8.9x	20.9x	16.7x	8%	11%	47%	53%		
Constellation Software	3,256.97	69,020	71,986	9.1x	7.6x	33.5x	27.2x	19%	19%	27%	28%		
Workday	244.41	64,522	60,499	7.3x	6.4x	24.9x	21.0x	16%	14%	29%	30%		
Tyler Technologies	583.72	25,452	25,550	12.0x	10.9x	NM	NM	9%	10%	27%	28%		
Duolingo	282.02	12,918	12,087	16.4x	12.8x	NM	NM	39%	29%	25%	27%		
Blackbaud	84.68	4,278	4,860	4.1x	3.9x	12.4x	11.3x	6%	8%	33%	34%		
Docebo	44.18	1,352	1,272	5.9x	5.1x	NM	28.0x	19%	16%	15%	18%		
Learning Technologies Group	1.27	1,043	1,125	1.8x	1.7x	8.3x	7.7x	(11%)	4%	21%	22%		
Coursera	7.94	1,249	533	0.8x	0.7x	20.1x	10.8x	10%	12%	4%	6%		
Chegg	1.77	183	454	0.7x	0.8x	2.9x	2.7x	(12%)	(6%)	25%	28%		
D2L	9.25	508	422	2.1x	1.9x	19.8x	12.7x	10%	12%	11%	15%		
ReadyTech Holdings	2.08	250	267	3.1x	2.8x	9.4x	8.2x	17%	11%	33%	34%		
Sylogist	8.36	196	207	4.1x	3.7x	16.1x	13.3x	2%	12%	25%	27%		
Nerdy	0.98	111	74	0.4x	0.3x	NM	21.3x	2%	21%	NM	1%		
			Mean	5.5x	4.8x	16.8x	15.1x	10%	12%	25%	25%		
		Education Te	echnology Median	4.1x	3.8x	17.9x	13.0x	10%	12%	25%	28%		

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Education Services				Revenue	(2)	EBITDA	3)	Revenue G	rowth <sup>(2)</sup>	EBITDA Ma	rgin <sup>(3)</sup>
Company	Stock Price 09/30/2024	Market Cap	Enterprise Value <sup>(1)</sup>	2024E	2025E	2024E	2025E	23A / 24E	24E / 25E	2024E	2025E
Pearson	\$13.58	\$9,013	3 \$10,752	2.2x	2.1x	10.0x	9.5x	4%	4%	22%	22%
Stride	85.31	3,630	3,668	1.7x	1.6x	9.0x	8.3x	8%	6%	19%	20%
John Wiley & Sons	48.25	2,622	2 3,568	2.1x	2.1x	12.0x	10.0x	(9%)	(3%)	17%	21%
Tribal Group	0.59	12	7 143	1.2x	1.2x	7.4x	7.3x	5%	1%	17%	17%
			Mean	1.8x	1.8x	9.6x	8.8x	2%	2%	19%	20%
		Educati	on Services Median	1.9x	1.9x	9.5x	8.9x	4%	2%	18%	21%
			<b>Overall Median</b>	2.7x	2.5x	12.2x	11.0x	8%	11%	25%	20%

EBITDA excludes stock-based compensation

Source: CapIQ and Equity Research

1. Sorted by Enterprise Value

2. Revenue multiples <0.0x or >20.0x and revenue growth rates <0% are considered Not Meaningful (NM)

3. EBITDA multiples <0.0x or >35.0x and EBITDA margins <0% are considered Not Meaningful (NM)

Selected Recent Strategic M&A Activity

ANNOUNCED DATE	BUYER	TARGET	SECTOR	DOMAIN	TRANSACTION SIZE (\$M)	COUNTRY	COMMENTS
Sep-24	Interplay 🚺 Learning	I LEARNING HUB	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	USA	Industrial Training International Learning provides an industrial training platform intended to educate workers handling cranes, rigging and load-handling equipment via on-site training, online programs and virtual reality simulations
Sep-24	barbri	SKILLBURST	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	USA	SkillBurst Interactive provides an online learning platform for law firms and their clients
Sep-24	American Student Assistance*	Tutored by Teachers	K-12	Online Learning	ND	USA	Tutored by Teachers provides an e-learning platform designed to match high-need, under- served students with supplemental, small-group virtual instruction from highly qualified, certified teachers
Sep-24	LUMI∜ERO		Corporate	Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success	ND	Germany	ATLAS.ti provides a qualitative data analysis platform that leverages AI to offer coding, visualization and collaboration solutions for researchers and academic institutions
Sep-24	T●UCHMATH	Classweitks <sup>(1)</sup>	K-12	Online Learning	ND	USA	Classworks provides an e-learning platform designed to address the academic, social- emotional and behavioral needs of students
Aug-24	Munetrix	SchoolData.net	K-12	Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success	ND	USA	SchoolData Solutions provides an education technology platform designed to track student progress, identify at-risk students and improve teaching and learning
Aug-24	TRANSIT TECHNOLOGIES	<b>bytecurve</b>	K-12	Administrative / School Operations	ND	USA	Bytecurve provides a school bus operating platform for transportation directors, operations supervisors, dispatchers, drivers and payroll administrators



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Aug-24	Roper Technologies		Higher Ed	Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Commerce	\$1,600	USA	Transact Campus provides payment processing, campus security and access solutions for higher education institutions
Aug-24		grayst≡p	K-12	Administrative / School Operations	ND	Canada	Gray Step Software provides web-based accounting and fundraising software offering solutions to manage funds, track events and facilitate online transactions for the K-12 market
Aug-24	ACEABLE	Real Estate Institute	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	USA	The Real Estate Institute provides an education platform that offers pre-licensing and continuing education courses for real estate, insurance, mortgage brokerage and lending professionals
Aug-24		Carson Dellosa Education:	K-12	Online Learning	ND	USA	Carson Dellosa Education provides educational content and supplies including online classes, digital and print workbooks, test-prep and hands-on learning materials for K-8
Jul-24	Summer	🐝 Vault	Corporate	Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Commerce	ND	USA	Vault provides a student loan benefits platform that facilitates the repayment process and creates repayment plans
Jul-24		Bertelson Education	Early Childhood	Online Learning	ND	USA	Bertelsen Education provides professional development educational services intended to serve parents and child-care providers
Jul-24	TeachingStrategies	Cognitive ToyBox	Early Childhood	Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success	ND	USA	Cognitive ToyBox provides game-based assessments designed to capture developmental progress directly from children

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Jul-24	🔹 intelvio		Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	USA	PCMA provides a platform offering crisis management training and certification solutions
Jul-24	Sdui	FoxEducation	K-12	Communications & Social	ND	Austria	FoxEducation provides digital solutions that simplify communication and administrative tasks in the education sector
Jul-24	PROMETRIC		K-12	Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success	ND	USA	EdPower provides online learning and assessment software designed to serve educators, administrators and students
Jul-24		Coursemojo (Virtual Classes Business)	K-12	LMS, Classroom & Other Learning Tech	ND	USA	Coursemojo provides an online educational platform intended to make quality courses accessible to all students
Jul-24	Uwill. Shadorr Moreal Health & Wellness		Higher Ed	Communications & Social	ND	USA	The Virtual Care Group provides a telehealth and wellness support platform that offers virtual consultations, mental health support and remote health monitoring intended for higher education students
Jul-24	D2L	H GROUP	Higher Ed	LMS, Classroom & Other Learning Tech	\$33	Norway	H5P Group provides publishing software designed to create more interactive content
Jul-24	INSTRUCTURE		K-12	Administrative / School Operations	ND	USA	Scribbles provides records and enrollment management software to K-12 school districts

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Jul-24	RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES	e payk12	K-12	Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Commerce	ND	USA	PayK12 provides online ticketing and payment software for K-12 schools and athletics
Jul-24		🕑 skillhabit.	Corporate	LMS, Classroom & Other Learning Tech	ND	Sweden	Skillhabit Learning provides a learning platform that leverages AI to design, analyze and deliver learning experiences

Selected Recent Private Equity Activity

ANNOUNCED DATE	BUYER	TARGET	SECTOR	DOMAIN	TRANSACTION SIZE (\$M)	COUNTRY	COMMENTS
Sep-24	<b>O</b> wl Ventures	Brisk Teaching	K-12	Data Analytics, Assessments & Student Success	\$7	USA	Brisk Teaching provides an artificial intelligence-powered teaching assistant intended to help teachers save time, personalize instruction and assess student learning
Sep-24	VERTU CAPITAL	🜔 lumiQ	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	\$221	USA	LumiQ provides podcasts that enable CPAs to complete their annual training and professional development requirements more easily than via traditional means
Jul-24	<b>Shornbill</b> capital		Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	\$210	India	Physics Wallah provides an online education platform that offers classes, recorded lectures and test series to students preparing for JEE, NEET and board exams
Sep-24	PSG	Campus <b>Ivy</b>	Higher Ed	Payments, Tuition Mgmt. & Commerce	ND	USA	Campus Ivy provides financial aid automation software offering financial and outsourcing solutions including financial aid processing, packaging and file review, reconciliation, verification / code processing and consulting
Sep-24	PSG	😈 Verity®	Higher Ed	Administrative / School Operations	ND	USA	Verity IQ provides IT consulting and education technology solutions designed to streamline communication and management efforts across the entire student lifecycle
Aug-24	EQT	Ō Compass	K-12	Administrative / School Operations	ND	Australia	Compass provides an all-in-one school management system designed to streamline administrative workflow and enhance community engagement
Aug-24	INCOME TRATILE	kami	K-12	LMS, Classroom & Other Learning Tech	ND	New Zealand	Kami provides a classroom engagement platform offering interactive lessons and assessments with powerful and accessible annotation tools

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ANNOUNCED DATE	BUYER	TARGET	SECTOR	DOMAIN	TRANSACTION SIZE (\$M)	COUNTRY	COMMENTS
Jul-24	KKR	INSTRUCTURE	K-12	LMS, Classroom & Other Learning Tech	\$4,800	USA	Instructure provides an open learning platform designed to meet the teaching and learning needs of every K-12, higher education and continuing education institution
Jul-24	allygatr 🍉	Talent2Go	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	Germany	Talent2Go provides a talent development and management platform that offers employee training, skills development and career growth solutions for corporations
Jul-24	salesforce ventures	📥 Uplimit	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	\$11	USA	Uplimit provides an AI-powered enterprise learning platform offering tools for setting and tracking goals, conducting performance reviews and facilitating continuous feedback for enterprises
Jul-24	BLING CAPITAL	X TeachMe.To	B2C	Online Learning	\$5	USA	TeachMe.To provides an in-person leisure learning marketplace intended to connect students with skilled professionals for private lessons
Jul-24	c⊃ CREANDUM	doinstruct	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	\$8	Germany	doinstruct provides an educational platform offering frontline worker training
Jul-24	LEVINE LEICHTMAN CANTAL PARTNER	Improve International	Corporate	Corporate Learning, Certification & Recruiting	ND	UK	Improve International provides postgraduate training for veterinary practice staff
Jul-24	W E N D E L	Shoping the world * • •	K-12	Online Learning	\$670	Spain	Globeducate provides K-12 education with a focus on bilingual and international schools

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Capital markets / financial services	Real estate /	construction	Professional services	IOT / mobility / telematics CX / sales / Known commerce		Knowledge & training		
Media & communications	Retail / hospi	tality / events	Transportation & logistics	Data & info services Marketing services & analytics			Enterprise networking	
Sports	Sports Insurtech Field service		es Education	Payments	GRC	Supply chain	HR / HCM	

### **By the Numbers**

10 200+ 20+ 295+ 100+ 30+ Public Equity and Debt M&A Advisory and Private **Global Offices** Senior Bankers Investment Banking Year Track Professionals (U.S.) (North America, Offerings Raising over **Placement Services** (U.S.) Record Europe, Asia) \$100 BILLION in Proceeds Transactions Representing a Since September 2010 Total Value of Over \$85 **BILLION Since January 2017** ADVISORY CAPITAL RAISING Investment • Sales / Recaps Private Placements **Banking** • Initial Public Offerings Acquisitions Capabilities Divestitures • Follow-On Offerings

- Debt Capital •
  - Restructuring

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### \$11.6 billion

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- Industry-focused, knowledge-driven approach, backed by highlyranked equity research team
- 33 domestic and international investment banking and institutional sales offices
- International operations in Brussels, Chiasso, Frankfurt, Geneva, Lausanne, London, Munich, Paris, Toronto, Vancouver and Warsaw

### • Over 670 Investment Bankers; over 520 in the U.S.

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Equity Capital Markets<sup>(1)</sup>

- Global sales force with over 100 professionals
- Bulge-bracket distribution capability
- Over 8,700 financial advisors; offices in all 50 states

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