

# App Evaluation

**Title:** iXL Learning

**Version:** 6.3.1

**Publisher/Producer/Creator:** iXL Learning

**Target Audience:** Students from 4 and up, and teachers.

**Type(s) of Software:** Drill and Practice - iXL Learning is a software that gives students extra practice in the subjects they need help in.

**Curriculum(s):** iXL Learning aligns with the specific state standards that are taught in school, so when a student creates an account and begins learning on the app, they are being taught and practicing based on the specific standards that they see in school.

**Cost:** There are subscription services on this app. The app has a free service, but unlimited and better quality services come with purchasing a subscription. There are varying levels of subscriptions. On the app, it says the only in-app purchase option available is for Math and English, costing \$19.99. However, there are many more options on their website. There are 3 different subsets for membership: Families, Classrooms, and School Districts. They each have different levels of membership, at varying prices. For example, the most popular subscription is the single-subject membership, which costs \$9.99/month. A parent may purchase this for their kid for a subject they may be struggling with, such as mathematics.

**Explaining the Software:** This application is a great tool for helping students who struggle academically, and can also be a good resource for educators who would like to use its online resources to more effectively teach their students. Essentially, it is an app/website that has a standards-based learning format, in which students are able to student Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish at their desired level of education. What I really like about iXL Learning is that it aligns with your specific state's standards, so that students are taught exactly what they will be exposed to by their school's curriculum.

iXL Learning has two main avenues of usage: 1) for students who want to study topics more effectively, and 2) for teachers who want to use the software in their classroom. For students, they can purchase different levels of subscriptions, depending on how many subjects they want access to. For teachers/school districts, they can purchase different levels of subscriptions for classroom usage, for all students that they have.

**Impressions / Can I Use it in My Class?** This software is similar to Khan Academy, in that it can be used as a tutor for students, or as a method of teaching and assessing for teachers. As far as the formatting is concerned, I prefer iXL's layout and design. It is more pleasing to the eyes, and is slightly easier to navigate. However, Khan Academy is completely free, which is very beneficial. Because of the price difference, it is more likely that I would use Khan Academy over iXL Learning, simply because iXL's benefits do not outweigh the convenience of being able to use Khan Academy for free. On Khan Academy, I can create digital classes with all of my students in them, assign videos/reviews/assignments, and have access to all of my student data without having to pay anything. This is simply too convenient for me to consider paying for iXL's services. That being said, iXL Learning is definitely very well-made, effective software for educating students. If I was a junior high/high school student struggling with a core subject, I would definitely benefit from iXL Learning. I believe that iXL Learning is better catered towards individual students, rather than teachers.

**Does the software pass Review?** Yes.

**Does the software pass Evaluation?** Yes.