

## Service/solution

eKool is a simple web application that connects all education stakeholders in an easy way over the Internet, helping them to collaborate and organize their teaching/learning related information.

eKool is available as either a direct web service for end users, or as a hosted white label service for distributing or promoting partners.



## Benefits

- For teachers: Using eKool, teachers can enter grades, notifications and attendance information, post homework assignments, and send public or private messages to classes, parents or students. Class teachers can also add reasons for attendance information and evaluate students' behavior and diligence. Additionally eKool provides many time-saving tools, from admission to curricula management.
- Parents-School-Home Communication helps parents stay involved in student education goals, and keeps them informed through the 24/7 web access to student information. Parents can communicate with teachers, have access to homework assignments and grade reports, see notes and communicate with teachers, and get information about field trips and other school events.

- For students: eKool collects all student learning information, so it is easy to be informed about progress, attendance and homework assignments, making the information easy to remember, and making it easy to prepare all the million things you need to do for school. Students can also save their achievements into personal e-portfolios and organize them later.
- District administrators can access a number of up-to-date anonymous statistical reports available on demand, making it easy to consolidate data across the district's schools.

## References

eKool has been actively visible in different community and education forums, where our beneficiaries (e.g. the City of Tallinn and the Ministry of Education) have been awarded prizes (eg. <http://www.intelligentcommunity.org>, <http://www.epsa-projects.eu>)

## History, Facts and Future Development

eKool was launched in 2002 and has been one of the most used e-services ever since. Covering more than 70% of Estonian schools (using eKool is voluntary) and 95% of all K12 students, eKool is regularly visited by approximately 28-30% of the population of Estonia.

## Technologies

eKool is platform-independent and accessible by every major web browser and operating system. A participating school needs at least one computer for every three to four teachers, with an Internet browser. eKool is written in Javascript and Java, and uses an Oracle database.

## Budget and Price

eKool is a hosted service available for a monthly subscription fee, in the range of USD 100–400 per school (excluding taxes), depending on the number of enrolled students in the school.

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### Republic of Estonia

Population – 1,34 million

Area – 45,228 km<sup>2</sup>

