

Shkolla Digjitale

Improvise **CODE** Overcome — building Albania's next tech generation

Shkolla Digjitale offers courses for ages 7–18 in:

- **Programming & Coding**
- **Computer Sciences**
- **Digital Culture & Literacy**
- **Robotics & Electronics**
- **Game Development**
- **Web & Mobile App Development**

International Franchise Network

Active franchise locations in:

- Albania (Tirana, Durres)
- Kosovo (founding market)
- USA
- Germany & Slovenia
- North Macedonia & Bosnia
- Mexico
- Hong Kong, Morocco & Tunisia

Accreditation & Recognition

- Ministry of Education accredited (Kosovo)
- First in region: Junior Programmer certification for children
- 2,000+ student projects on app stores
- Some student apps: 100k+ downloads

Shkolla Digjitale (Digital School) is Albania's leading technology education institution for children and young people, offering accredited programming, robotics, computer science, and digital culture courses for students aged 7 to 18. Shkolla Digjitale is part of an international franchise network spanning 10+ countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Africa — with a growing footprint across Albania. The network is expanding due to its gamification strategy that increases engagement over competing tech trainers. The school is an International STEM Olympiad participant, regular winner of Balkan hackathons, and the operator of the first Ministry-accredited Junior Programmer certification program in the region — making it one of the most impactful youth technology education institutions in the Western Balkans.

Curriculum & Learning Approach. Shkolla Digjitale's curriculum is built around teaching programming logic rather than any single language — equipping students to adapt independently to any technology they encounter in their future careers. Courses span the full digital skills spectrum: coding (Scratch, Python, JavaScript), game development, web and mobile application development, computer science fundamentals, digital culture and online safety, and robotics and electronics with hands-on hardware projects. The curriculum was developed in-house by Digital School staff, validated by the Ministry of Education in Kosovo, and represents the first accredited program in the region through which children can earn a certified Junior Programmer credential — a milestone that has set a regional precedent for youth tech education.

Student Outcomes & Real-World Impact. Shkolla Digjitale students don't just learn to code — they build and publish real products. Students have uploaded more than 2,000 projects, web apps, and mobile applications to public app stores, with some reaching over 100,000 downloads. In 2024, Shkolla Digjitale students competed at the International STEM Olympiad final in The Hague, Netherlands — placing Albanian youth tech talent on the international stage. These outcomes reflect a project-based, outcomes-driven educational philosophy that produces graduates ready to contribute to Albania's digital economy and to compete in the global technology sector.

US Alignment — USAID Partnership & Global Franchise. Shkolla Digjitale has been a recipient of USAID funding under a workforce development program implemented by IREX, reflecting the school's alignment with US policy priorities around digital skills, private-sector-led education, and youth economic empowerment. The Digital School franchise network already operates locations in the United States, demonstrating a validated model that travels across markets. For US educational institutions, EdTech companies, and impact investors, Shkolla Digjitale represents an established, platform to co-develop curricula, scale digital skills programs, or expand the franchise model further across Southeast Europe.

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Shkolla Digjitale Capabilities Include

- Programming Courses (Scratch, Python, JS)
- Game Development Education.
- Web & Mobile App Development Training
- Digital Culture & Online Safety
- Computer Science Fundamentals.
- Robotics & Electronics (hands-on hardware)
- Stakeholder modules allowing parental engagement & rapid teacher training.
- Junior Programmer Certification (accredited)
- After-school & Weekend Programs (ages 7–18)
- International STEM Competition Preparation
- Franchise Model — Multi-country Replication
- Corporate Digital Skills Training
- Private-sector Workforce Development (USAID)

Key Company Facts

- Albania's leading children's coding school
- Ages 7–18 — all levels, beginner to advanced
- 2 branches in Albania, with ability to multiply rapidly
- International franchise: 10+ countries
- USA · Germany · Kosovo · N. Macedonia · Bosnia · Mexico · HK
- 2,000+ student projects published on app stores
- Student apps: 100k+ downloads achieved
- Int'l STEM Olympiad finalists — The Hague 2024
- USAID grant recipient (IREX-implemented program)
- Ministry-accredited Junior Programmer certification

US Partnership Opportunities

Shkolla Digjitale offers a proven platform for digital skills development in Albania and the broader Western Balkans region. The demand for technology talent continues to grow, and investments in youth digital education generate long-term benefits for the workforce. Specific opportunities for U.S. partners include:

- EdTech curriculum licensing & co-development
- Franchise expansion across SE Europe
- Corporate digital skills training programs
- STEM competition sponsorship & co-branding
- Impact investment in youth tech education
- Teacher training & content localization partnerships