

All About Tutoring



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What is tutoring?

Tutoring is one-on-one teaching. It includes instruction, review, and the mentoring relationship that develops between student and tutor.

What are the benefits of tutoring?

Everyone learns differently. One-on-one teaching maximizes the attention on individual learning needs and goals. In addition, students gain:

▶ a sense of relief around homework time ▶ an improved attitude toward school ▶ more effective study habits ▶ more free time for other activities

Who benefits from tutoring?

Students and families benefit: ▶ a family wanting to focus on family time rather than homework time ▶ a student who responds best to individual attention ▶ a student looking for additional instruction in a topic or skill ▶ a student who wants to explore a topic beyond the level of the class ▶ a home-schooled student ▶ someone looking to brush up on skills before taking an exam or entering a course

Why and when should tutoring be considered?

▶ Tutoring should be considered sooner rather than later - when your child first encounters problems rather than when they have fallen behind. ▶ Tutoring should be considered if homework has become a battleground within the home. ▶ Tutoring should be considered if the student is not learning to his/her potential.

How important is the right tutor to learning success?

The right tutor is critical to learning success. Her/His skills, knowledge, experience and teaching style play an important role in the success of the student-tutor relationship.

Who is the right tutor for your child?

One who has experience: ▶ in the subject area and grade level ▶ with the learning styles and strengths of your child

Where should a tutoring session take place?

Tutorials take place in students' homes. This way, students feel comfortable and relaxed and so more open and receptive to tutoring and learning. Also, when tutoring takes place at home, the student has the experience of understanding in the home environment. This is positive reinforcement for when the student studies on his/her own at home.

What does tutoring cost?

Rates range from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per hour based on the grade level and the amount of teaching experience each tutor has.

How long should a tutoring session be?

Most students and tutors find that a one hour or one and a half hour session is best according to each student's needs and schedule.

How many sessions should we have per week?

That depends on the student's current level, your goals for improvement and support, as well as your schedule. Most students study one, two or three times per week with a tutor.

How long does it take to see results?

This depends on the student. Results of tutoring take place over time – on average, after three months significant improvement is noticed. A major goal of tutoring is to provide students with the tools to be successful on their own.

How long will tutoring continue for?

This is in your control. It takes time to develop skills and make lasting changes. Tutoring is typically most effective when it is seen as long-term support. Students who study for several school terms or for several years, move forward with the greatest confidence and ability. There is no set contract for length of study period. A small cancellation fee will be applied for students studying fewer than 20 hours in total.

How can you maximize positive tutoring results for your child?

Ensure that the tutor and student have all needed materials and a quiet space for tutorials. Check with your child before the tutorial to be sure that he/she has all the applicable school work and texts that will be used. Follow up with your child about goals that were set in the tutorial. Give specific positive feedback to your child about his/her efforts to learn. Keep positive lines of communication open with your child's teacher. Check in with your child's tutor and with STR about feedback and suggestions for improving the learning environment.