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A TUTOR



HOW CAN VOLUNTEER TUTORS HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED?

Tutoring – instructing a child one-on-one or in small groups – has been shown to have positive effects on academic performance and reading difficulties. The literacy and math skills that young people receive from volunteer tutors can put them on the path to high school, college and career success.

Volunteer Tutors can help in two basic ways: instructional tutoring and assignment assistance. Often, volunteer tutoring involves a combination of the two.

Instructional Tutoring: As a volunteer tutor, you can provide instruction around a specific content area, where students are expected to develop new knowledge and become proficient in topics previously unknown to them. Most volunteer tutors provide instruction around reading and math.

Assignment Assistance: As a volunteer tutor, you can meet with individual or small groups of students who have difficulty completing class assignments and support them in specific tasks.

Instructional Tutoring and Assignment Assistance: As a volunteer tutor, you can support students in completing assigned class work while helping them understand how to learn and apply their reading skills and existing knowledge.

Here are a few tips for becoming an effective volunteer tutor:

- Introduce yourself and get to know your student. Find out what he likes and dislikes, his strengths and weaknesses might be.
- Listening to your student is more important than lecturing. Be prepared to adjust the work and your style as you learn more about your student's abilities and nature.
- Monitor your student's understanding of the subject. Does she have the necessary skills?
- Pay attention to your student's body language – this can tell you a great deal. Often students let you know what they are thinking and feeling in subtle ways.
- Be creative and imaginative in your tutoring methods. Look for ways to motivate and involve your student.
- No one likes to do the same thing for a long time. Break your tutoring time into nice short slots.
- People can have different styles of learning. Your student may have a visual bias or an audio bias. Adapt to your student and be prepared to change your tutoring methods.