

How to Select a Tutoring Service

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With so many tutoring options available today, you may be understandably confused. What's the difference between 1-on-1 and small groups? Will SAT prep really help my child improve? And, is tutoring just for K-12 or can anyone get academic help? Below are some of the most important questions you should ask when investigating a tutoring service.

Is the tutoring 1-on-1? At Back to Basics Learning Dynamics, our 1-on-1 tutoring approach provides the maximum benefit by increasing knowledge of subject matter and building self-esteem. There is always one tutor per student and never any small groups.

When and where does the tutoring take place? Our locations are as varied as our students. Tutoring is available in the student's home, daycare center, summer camp, school, or at our two Educational Centers located in Newark and Wilmington. Back to Basics serves students in Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania and will work directly with the school and parent on scheduling sessions before, during, or after school.

Do you offer subjects other than reading, writing, and math? Back to Basics tutors in 60+ subjects, including all math and science, reading, writing, study skills, foreign languages, history and test prep (PSAT, SAT, High school entrance exam, GRE). No other tutoring service offers this depth and breadth of courses.

What ages do you tutor? And, is the tutoring just for remedial students? We serve the needs of a wide range of students, from age 3 through 103 – whether gifted, learning disabled, hearing or visually impaired, ADHD, Asperger's or simply in need of some support. All individual tutoring is offered for remedial, enrichment, or maintenance needs.

What kind of results can I expect? With a firm background in the basics, a student will experience success in many areas of education. With a clear understanding of how a student learns, we use present strengths plus an understanding of non-strengths to move the student beyond his current performance. Early on, you will see increased confidence and more interest in the subject matter. Teachers will notice more class participation. Homework will become easier and done more independently. And, of course, grades and scores will improve. Typically, students achieve 2.5 - 3 grades higher within 3 months (i.e. D to A).

What if my child or I feel the tutor is not the correct match? Since we hand-match each student and tutor, it is rare that this occurs. However, if you or your child has concerns, please call Back to Basics early on and speak with the Director or Assistant Director. We will be happy to change tutors.

Are there any fees before we actually begin tutoring? Fees are not assessed until the actual tutoring session(s) have been set-up and confirmed. There are no additional fees.

What are the qualifications of the tutors? All Back to Basics' tutors have a minimum Bachelor Degree and many also have Masters, or Doctorate Degrees. Our tutors possess years of experience in teaching and/or tutoring in their respective fields. We also do thorough background checks on all tutors. And, we take extra care to employ teachers with personalities that will engage and inspire students.