



EDUCATION IS
EMPOWERING.



About Us

Tutoring Chicago's mission is to deliver the power of education to children facing economic barriers through one-to-one tutoring at no cost to families. Our programs are built upon the model of one-to-one tutoring, prioritizing the strong relationship between the student and their tutor over an entire school year and, in many cases, over multiple years. This translates to **48 hours of free tutoring annually for students in need of additional support**. In 2026-27, we offer both digital and in-person tutoring to 1,400+ students, with the support of over 1,400+ volunteer tutors, aiming to reach a record **1,500 students** with the continued expansion of our programming to eight tutoring locations.

A quality education is among the most important foundations for a child's future success. Unfortunately, students from low-income households lack access to equal educational opportunities. This often negatively affects educational outcomes, beginning at an early age. Research shows that **a student who cannot read on grade level by 3rd grade is four times less likely to graduate** than a child who does read proficiently by that time. Compounding the disparity, when poverty is a factor, a student is 13 times less likely to graduate on time than his or her proficient, wealthier peers.

Each student is matched with their own dedicated and trained adult volunteer tutor for the school year, meeting once a week for ninety minutes of individualized instruction. Our curriculum and resources are carefully curated by our program staff, composed primarily of former educators. Volunteer tutors provide critical, supplemental educational and developmental experiences and positive relationships for children in 1st through 12th grades.



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My daughter is doing **amazing in math!** It went from being the **worst subject ever to her favorite.**

-Tutoring Chicago parent

Because of Tutoring Chicago, my son has gotten **honor roll for 3 quarters.**

-TutoringChicago parent
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60 Years of Impact

Tutoring Chicago has been supporting underserved students for over 60 years and has grown to become the **largest one-to-one program** of its kind, benefiting thousands of students. In 2024-25:

23% OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDED A SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL, WELL OUTPACING THE AVERAGE FOR CPS STUDENTS FACING ECONOMIC BARRIERS



80% OF 3RD GRADE STUDENTS WERE PROFICIENT IN GRADE-LEVEL READING SKILLS, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THEIR LIKELIHOOD OF COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL



80% OF 9TH GRADE STUDENTS WERE PROFICIENT IN GRADE-LEVEL MATH BY END OF YEAR, DOUBLING THEIR LIKELIHOOD OF GRADUATING SUCCESSFULLY BASED ON RECENT RESEARCH

Over the 2026-27 program year, Tutoring Chicago will open new tutoring locations in Englewood, Humboldt Park and Uptown; continue to build on a burgeoning Alumni Program and strive for continuous improvement to ensure our weekly curriculum and resources are aligned with school standards and best practices in education.



OUR PROGRAMS

EST Program

Grades 1-5
Elementary School tutoring program covering math, literacy, social emotional learning, and student attributes

LIT Program

Grades 1-5
Literacy intensive tutoring program covering skills: decoding, fluency, phonics, reading comprehension

MST Program

Grades 6-8
Middle school tutoring program covering: mathematics, reading, test prep, and social emotional learning

HST Program

Grades 9-12
High school tutoring program covering: post-secondary success, mathematics, reading, and executive functioning



WHERE WE SERVE

- **St. Vincent dePaul Center (Lincoln Park/Near North)**
2145 N. Halsted St.
- **Clarendon Community Center Park (Uptown)**
4501 N. Clarendon Ave.
- **Shine Bright (Discover) Community Center (Chatham/South Side)**
8650 S Cottage Grove Ave.
- **Mozart (Amadeus) Park (Northwest)**
2036 N Avers Ave.
- **Union League Boys & Girls Club (West Side)**
2157 W 19th St.
- **Union League Boys & Girls Club – Barreto**
1214 N Washtenaw Ave
- **Hope Ignites (Evanston)**
820 Gaffield Pl
- **Kennedy-King College (Englewood)**
740 W 63rd St.

- Tutoring occurs Monday through Wednesday from 6:00 - 7:30pm in-person at our 4 locations and digitally via Zoom.

Partner With Us

...to ensure more than 1,400 students receive the critical tutoring and mentoring support they need.

Champion - \$50,000 - limited spots available.

- Provides one full year of tutoring for about 50 students
- Inclusion on exclusive band of logos to be displayed on all Tutoring Chicago website, promotional & marketing materials for one-year term
- 3 social media posts
- Lunch & Learn opportunity for your company
- Employee volunteer opportunities
- Ticket packages for Jingle Mingle & Celebrity Spelling Bee
- Opportunity to support holiday celebrations for up to 10 employee volunteers

Premiere - \$20,000

- Provides one full year of tutoring for about 20 students
- 2 social media posts
- Lunch & Learn opportunity for your company
- Employee volunteer opportunities
- Logo on website and in annual impact report

Supporting - \$10,000

- Provides one full year of tutoring for about 10 students
- 1 social media post
- Lunch & Learn opportunity for your company
- Employee volunteer opportunities
- Logo on website and in annual impact report

Together, we can serve Chicago's youth through high-quality after-school programs at no cost to their families. Contact Executive Director Sandy Marek at smarek@tutoringchicago.org to learn more or to customize a partnership package.

