

# Tutoring Chicago Application FAQs

for new tutors!

Applications to be a tutor for the 2021-22 school year are [now open!](#)  
Before you apply, here are the key things you need to know.

## Would you prefer to tutor in-person or online?

On your application, you must choose ONE of two methods for tutoring:

- 1) in-person sessions at a Tutoring Chicago site OR
- 2) digital tutoring which will be hosted every week by TC staff on Zoom.

## Which program do you prefer?



### SMART PROGRAM: 1st-6th grade students

SMART program tutors help their student with homework as well as the areas of social emotional learning, math, accountability, reading, and technology. Supplemental resources are made available for math facts, early literacy skills, academic vocabulary, and social emotional learning. Students do not have to be low performing. Many are excelling at school and could use your guidance while others may need your support to raise their grades and learn more foundational skills. Students attend once a week.



### LIT PROGRAM: 1st-6th grade students

In Literacy Intensive Tutoring (LIT), volunteers tutor a student who struggles with reading and writing. Students are tested into the program and are typically at least one grade level below expectations in reading. Tutors follow a structured reading curriculum provided by Tutoring Chicago. Students and tutors work on sight word recognition, decoding, fluency, comprehension and writing. Students attend twice a week, and have two tutors assigned to them (one for each night).



### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM: 7th-8th grade students

The Middle School program features a curriculum designed specifically for 7th-8th grade learning needs with a focus on preparing students for high school transition and continued success in their education. Students attend once a week.

## ALL tutoring sessions will take place on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m.



All SMART or LIT program tutors have the option to apply for digital or in-person. The Middle School program will only be digital. There is NOT an in-person Middle School option.

All tutors will be able to choose which night you prefer.



### In-Person Locations:

- St. Vincent de Paul Center in Lincoln Park (SMART & LIT)
  - 2145 N. Halsted St., 60614
- Hope Learning Academy on the Near West Side. (SMART only)
  - 1628 W. Washington Blvd., 60612

**IN-  
PERSON**



**DIGITAL**

### If you choose digital tutoring:

Digital tutoring sessions will ALL be hosted on Zoom from 6-7.30pm. There are no independently scheduled sessions outside of this.

Please start thinking about your preferences and talk to us if you have any questions! We're so grateful you're considering becoming a tutor. Please email EL Da' Sheon Nix (our Community Relations Director) with any questions:  
[enix@tutoringchicago.org](mailto:enix@tutoringchicago.org)

# SUMMARY

	SMART 1ST-6TH GRADE	LIT 1ST-6TH GRADE	MIDDLE 7TH-8TH GRADE
Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only	✓	✓	✓
Hosted by TC staff on Zoom every week?	✓	✓	✓
6:00–7:30 p.m. for all grades	✓	✓	✓
Can be digital?*	✓	✓	✓
In-person at St. Vincent de Paul Center? **	✓	✓	✗
In-person at Hope Learning Academy? **	✓	✗	✗

\*If choosing digital tutoring, think about where you will be during the 6–7:30 time slot. Take into account your commute from work or other activities that often fall near that time slot.

\*\* We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, but please understand there is limited space at our in-person sites for next year. If choosing in-person tutoring, think about how you will consistently get yourself there each week. Attendance is always a big factor in successful tutoring.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Am I guaranteed to receive all of my preferences when I apply?

Tutoring Chicago staff will do their best to accommodate your preferences. However, due to capacity limitations we may not be able to accommodate all of your preferences.

### Am I guaranteed to receive my preference between in-person and digital?

Tutoring Chicago staff will take into account your preferred method of tutoring when assigning your program details and matching you to a student. In some cases we may recommend that a pair works together in-person if digital tutoring was a challenge for that student in 2020–2021.

### If I choose in-person now but my schedule changes, can I switch to digital?

Yes. We strongly encourage our tutors to consider their schedules for the 21–22 year with the understanding that creating a routine for students increases their success. We also understand that schedules change and we want to make sure that students still get tutoring even if they can't in-person.

### I've moved out of the city/state recently, can I still tutor?

Yes. Since we offer a digital option, you can still apply to tutor digitally.

### I heard that you had in-person tutoring sites in Logan Square and Hyde Park. Is there a possibility of them reopening this 2021–22 school year?

No. Tutoring Chicago will not have an in-person site at either location this year.

### I heard that you used to be able to tutor from 5–6pm. Is this still an option?

No. All tutoring will start at 6pm and end at 7:30p.m. There is only one time slot.

Deliver the power of education through one-to-one tutoring.

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