

Tools of Empowerment Educational Services

Tools of Empowerment provides academic enrichment in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math through instructional practices that meet the individual needs of struggling students in grades K–12. We schedule 1–2 hour sessions 2–3 times a week for individual and small group (2-3 students) instruction. Instruction is available after school, on weekends and during school holidays. Tutoring is in safe, convenient locations such as the student’s school, or a nearby library. Students are placed into groups according to skill level and instructional needs. For students that require focused support, we provide one-on-one tutoring. We provide small group (no more than 3 students per tutor), tutoring depending on the students’ skill level and grade level expectations. Our materials are paper-and-pencil, consumable workbooks, a variety of hand-on manipulatives and an online program we utilize with our curriculum. A pre-test, administered to each of students assigned to our program, provides a baseline for individualized tutoring. We combine elements of our Five Star program to implement our highly effective strategy. Integrated partnership ensures alignment of our curriculum to, 1st, the student’s needs and classroom instructional plans; 2nd to school and district priorities; 3rd to the home environment. The 4th component is to align guidance and coaching of our tutors, and 5th, embracing the neighborhood impact for each student’s success. Our imbedded technology-assisted instruction ensures a “best practices” approach for academic enrichment programming that provides a variety of instructional strategies that meet students at their academic need level, as well as techniques for the appropriate student motivational level. We work closely with our parents/guardians in our 5 Star Plan to ensure parents/guardians stay abreast of the child’s progress.