



A+ Grades Up

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Description of Services:

- Who**
- A+ Grades Up has been providing tutorial services to students through the *No Child Left Behind* program since 2002.
 - Successful with all students, including Limited English Proficiency Learners and students with ADD/ADHD.
- What:**
- High-quality tutoring in EITHER Reading (including Phonics, Language Arts, Vocabulary, Reading Fluency, and Comprehension) or Math (including Basic Math Facts, Computation, Problem Solving, Algebra, and Geometry).
 - Spanish program available for students K-5 (all materials and testing in Spanish, taught by bilingual teachers).
 - Standardized testing is conducted to determine students' initial placement in program and overall growth the end of program.
- Where:**
- All instruction takes place in person at students' school, *when districts allow* (never via a computer).
- When:**
- Tutoring offered immediately following regular school hours.
 - Tutoring *maybe* offered on Saturdays to accommodate working parents (not available in all areas).
- How**
- We instruct in small groups of 4-8 students per instructor.
 - Each student receives an individualized lesson plan tailored to their instructional level.
 - Incentive system motivates students to attend and achieve ("Testing T-shirts", monthly attendance raffles, certificates, etc.).

Description of Instructor Qualifications:

Instructors with State Certification

- A+ Grades Up has a strong preference for instructors that are fully, state-certified in the subject area in which they teach.
- Many of the instructors we hire also teach at the Title I schools we are serving.

Instructors with a Bachelor's Degree

- When we are unable to fill a position with a state-certified teacher, we consider candidates possessing a bachelor's degree or graduate degree in the subject area in which they teach.

All A+ Grades Up Instructors

- In all of our candidates, we look for effective communication skills and a background/sensitivity that enables them to serve as excellent role models for our diverse student population.

Description of Evidence of Effectiveness:

- Since 2002, A+ Grades Up's has tutored thousands of students in cities across the United States.
- Our program effectiveness is confirmed by our students' scores on a national test (the CAT/5) which students take at the beginning and end of our program.
- Students at all grade levels, of all genders, and of all ethnicities make educational gains through our program.
- All students completing our program improve in the basic skill areas of reading and math and most students (94%) achieve *significant growth* in reading and math.