



ATS Project Success

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Description of Services:

ATS Educational Consulting Services – Project Success offers eligible students support in English language arts (including reading) and mathematics. We offer services online in the comfort and safety of the student's home by supplying students with a pre-programmed computer and dial-up Internet service at no cost. Once the student begins Project Success, he/she is assessed to determine the student's instructional level and learning objectives. Next, we set and adjust the curriculum to provide activities at the appropriate level. We encourage students to complete two one-hour sessions per week. Our staff monitors the student's progress online and follows-up with daily e-mails to the student and calls to their parents once each week. We also furnish parents with weekly written reports and work with schools and teachers to make sure the student's efforts in our program are helping them succeed in the classroom as well.

ATS Project Success has been operating since the summer of 2003. Since that time, we have worked with 3000 students from 26 different states, representing 277 districts.

Description of Instructor Qualifications:

All of our teaching staff meet or exceed the qualifications for Highly Qualified Core Academic Teacher as set forth in the No Child Left Behind legislation. Teachers are certified and either have a master's degree in the subject area being taught or have passed the Michigan Subject Area test for Teacher Certification. Our tutorial staff has a minimum of 90 hours of College or University credit or experience in working with academically At Risk students. All staff are trained in the use and application of SuccessMaker software.

Our teaching staff averages 10 years experience and our tutorial staff averages 5 years experience. All are experienced in working with Title I eligible students. Three staff members are presently in a Title I Schoolwide Project school. In addition, ATS is capable of providing a Spanish speaking translator for the phone calls and producing the reports in Spanish.

Description of Evidence of Effectiveness:

At ATS Project Success, we have worked with students in lab settings and students who worked with us from their homes. Based on our experience, we have noted that the lab setting restricts some students. The students at home are able to work at their own pace on their own schedules. Virtually all of our students have been underachieving students who would be qualified under low-income guidelines. The majority of our students come to us more than one instructional level behind. Their grades range from Kindergarten through the 8th grade. Our goal is always to increase each student's instructional level. After 30 hours of engagement in Project Success, students increase their instructional level by one complete level. We know the instructional level students need to achieve in order to be successful on state and other high stakes tests. We are capable of predicting exactly how long it will take a student to achieve a pre-determined level. This information becomes important to us in order to apply realistic expectations to each student's goals. We know, for instance, the longer a student stays in our program, the greater the growth. Time, therefore, becomes an issue for us as we try to get students to a pre-determined level.