



Community College Foundation, The (TCCF)

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Description of Services:

The Community College Foundation (TCCF) has over eight years of experience successfully tutoring students from diverse populations, and has been an approved provider of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) since 2004. TCCF's 1-2-1 Tutoring Program provides individualized, in-home tutoring services to students enrolled in grades K-12, in the subject areas of Mathematics and Language Arts (including Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Vocabulary). Tutoring services are provided after school, evenings, and weekends – with times determined by the parents. Tutoring sessions are scheduled twice a week for one-two (1-2) hours each session. The curriculum materials utilized during instruction ensure that tutoring services are aligned with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The 1-2-1 Tutoring program model uses relationship building by the tutor with the student to facilitate the student's hope and enthusiasm for learning, thus engaging the student in the tutoring services. Parents receive progress feedback after each tutoring session, and written progress reports each month. TCCF provides bilingual tutors upon request.

Description of Instructor Qualifications:

The staff of the 1-2-1 Tutoring Program is comprised of tutors that are dedicated to providing tutoring to students in an effort to help them improve academically. TCCF seeks to employ tutors who have a passion for working with youth. TCCF tutors are composed of educators from the community, credentialed teachers, college students pursuing a degree in the field of education (or related field) and experienced tutors. All tutors are required to provide verification of completing at least 15 college units in core subjects with a minimum 2.75 GPA. For English Language Learners, TCCF will provide bilingual tutoring services. TCCF recruits tutors from the local communities of their students. All potential tutors must pass a comprehensive assessment to be considered for employment. All employees who will have direct contact with students are required to undergo a criminal background check on both the State and Federal level, in addition to passing a tuberculosis (TB) test.

Description of Evidence of Effectiveness:

The 1-2-1 Tutoring Program strives to ensure that all tutoring instruction is designed to move the student from "below grade level" status to an "at grade level" status. The student focuses on a variety of exercises, which are executed through guided instruction from the tutor. The amount of time students spend on a task is determined by the student's needs. Once the student meets proficiency in performing exercises, the student is informally assessed and moved up to a different standard. The 1-2-1 Tutoring Program emphasizes that by focusing on one standard at a time, the student will be prepared to perform "at grade level" status. Independent evaluation of the 1-2-1 Tutoring Program found statistically significant improvement in students who received tutoring services in reading comprehension and math skills based on standardized tests. Reading levels improved more than one grade level with similar improvement in math. In addition to academic achievement, parents have reported consistent improvement in attitude and behavior of students who received tutoring services.