

Considering a Tutor?



When you have found a tutor you would like to hire:

- discuss payment.
- decide on a schedule.
- set a length of time for the sessions.
- establish a location for tutoring sessions.
- set a specific number of sessions, for example until the next reporting period. At the end of this time you, the tutor, and your child should discuss whether the tutoring will continue or not.

Tutoring is often a short term commitment. However, if you choose to hire a tutor for a longer time, talk to the classroom teacher regularly about the effects the tutoring is having on your child's progress.

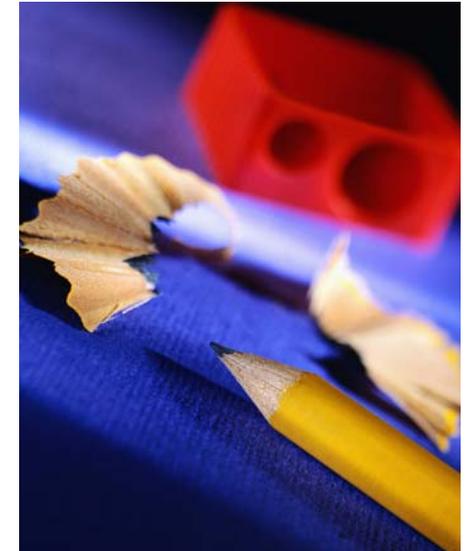
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Tips for Finding a Suitable Tutor for your Child

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Sometimes parents choose to hire a qualified tutor to help their child be more successful in school. If you are thinking about hiring a tutor, you will find the information in this brochure helpful.

A good tutor will:

- consult with your child's classroom teacher.
- support and reinforce school learning.
- help develop English language skills during tutoring sessions.
- help your child develop strong study and organizational skills.
- **NEVER** do the homework for your child.
- **ALWAYS** work with your child to make sure homework assignments are understood and support your child as he/she completes the assignments.
- create exercises to reinforce topics studied in class if no homework has been assigned.

Should we hire a tutor?

Some children benefit from extra one-on-one support. However, if tutoring is to be successful it requires the active participation of the child. If a child does not begin to work well with the tutor by the third or fourth session, that particular tutor may not be suitable for your child.

How do we find a tutor?

- Ask your child's teacher if he/she thinks that tutoring would benefit your child. If the answer is 'yes', ask if he/she could recommend a tutor. It is important to know that teachers cannot tutor students who are in their classes.
- Ask other parents or friends whose children have tutors.

If you live in the Lower Mainland you can contact the Teachers' Tutoring Service by phoning 604-730-3410 or by going to their website at - <http://www.tutor.bc.ca/about-us.html>

What should we consider when hiring a tutor?

- Make sure that the tutor is a qualified teacher. All qualified teachers in BC must have a criminal records check. This is a very important factor to consider when hiring a tutor.
- Ask the tutor you are interested in to provide references.
- Contact the references. If you are satisfied, arrange to get together with the tutor so you, the tutor, and your child can meet.
- If you and your child are comfortable with the tutor, tell the tutor the name of the child's teacher and school, so he/she will be able to contact the classroom teacher to discuss an appropriate support plan.
- Discuss the times you, the tutor, and your child are available for tutoring. If the tutor is working with your child in your home, it **must** be at a time when a parent is also at home.
- Discuss cost. Cost can vary from region to region. One-on-one and in-home tutoring are often more expensive than other types of arrangements.