

Tutoring Program at Iglesia Emanuel

Frequently Asked Questions

The Tutoring Program at Iglesia Emanuel was started in the fall of 2018 to provide one-on-one help to Hispanic children in our community who need a little extra assistance in **reading or math to succeed in school.*

- 1. What is the target age group for the kids in the program?** The program is primarily intended for elementary school children, although we can also accept middle school children.
- 2. What is the commitment expected from tutors?** Ideally, we would like for you to commit to coming once a week for the academic year, but we realize that often circumstances will complicate your attendance every week. All of us will have to miss occasionally, and we try to cover for one another when that happens.
- 3. Will I be with the same student every week?** If possible, we like to pair a tutor with a student on a continuing basis to develop trusting and caring relationships. Some tutors can only come every other week, so they will serve as substitutes when a regular tutor is absent. Some students also will request help in reading for a period of time, and then need to switch to math. We will always be flexible and make changes as needed.
- 4. Do I need to know Spanish to be a tutor?** Not at all. Our students speak English perfectly and all their schoolwork is done in English. Many of their parents do not speak English, but that will never be a problem as several of our tutors are bilingual, as well as Miguel and Margaret Rubiera.
- 5. Will I need to do prep work or take any study tools?** Not unless you want to get creative or have some helpful ideas of how best to encourage your student. We have 20 computers with the same software reading program – Reading A to Z – that is used in the Durham Public Schools. We also have a large bookshelf full of books donated by Book Harvest and individuals that are available for the kids to take home and keep. For math, we have several workbooks, flash cards, lots of paper and pencils. There is also a software program that some tutors choose to use with math.
- 6. Where and when do you meet?** At present, we meet every Tuesday from 6 – 7 pm in the education building of Iglesia Emanuel. Address: 2504 N Roxboro Rd, Durham. If we can recruit enough tutors, we would like to expand the program to Thursday evenings so that we can admit the more than 20 children on the waiting list.
- 7. Is there an age limit for tutors, and can my high school child help out?** We are happy to have high school students help tutor, and grandparents are welcome as well! All that is needed to be a tutor is to have a willing heart and a commitment to do your best to come as often as possible.

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