

NEW HAVEN TUTORING INITIATIVE (NHTI)

Tutoring FAQs

The New Haven Tutoring Initiative (NHTI) will be calling on community volunteers to become trained literacy and math tutors to work with students in summer and afterschool youth programs across the city. United Way of Greater New Haven is coordinating the overall project in partnership with New Haven Reads as the Lead Literacy Partner and New Haven Counts as the Lead Math Partner.

Participating NHTI summer program partners include: LEAP, Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Haven, Horizons at Foote School, Inspired Communities, New Hyses as well as New Haven Reads and New Haven Counts. Additional program partners and (tutoring opportunities!) will be added in the 2023-2024 academic school year.

Below are some of the Frequently Asked Questions from prospective volunteers.

- ***What kind of training is required to become a literacy and/or math tutor? Are the trainings in person or virtual? How long does it take?***

LITERACY

Literacy tutors undergo a short training focused on the structure of the program, conduct policies with students, and note-taking - there are options for virtual and in person trainings. This training can take from 30-60 minutes. Optional topic-specific training sessions are provided throughout the year.

MATH

Tutors must complete three self-guided virtual training sessions. Each session is intended to be 20 minutes of training with a brief quiz at the conclusion of the training session. The training sessions focus on: 1) the structure of the program; 2) the 8 mathematical practices in action; and 3) math mastery tracking systems.

- ***What kind of time commitment is required to be a tutoring volunteer?***

LITERACY

Tutors are required to commit to one or two 1-hour sessions per week.

MATH

Tutors are required to commit to a minimum of one 1-hour session per week.

- ***When do tutoring sessions happen – during the work day, after work, and/or on the weekends?***

LITERACY

Summer: Literacy tutoring hours during the summer will occur Monday-Friday and Saturdays and time slots vary due to programming differences in each organization.

School Year: tutoring will occur Monday-Friday between 3-7pm and Saturdays between 10-4pm (again depending on each organization's programming schedule).

MATH

Summer: Tutoring will take place Monday - Friday (2 pm - 6 pm) at locations still being confirmed.

School Year: Tutoring will take place Monday - Friday (1 pm - 4 pm) at East Rock School and additional locations

- ***Can I choose a specific tutoring location?***

At this time, we are collecting preferences, however, we cannot promise there will be space within your availability at your selected organization.

- ***What if I'm planning to go on vacation?***

As a tutor, we do ask for consistency when working with the kids. We ask that you select a day and time that you can attend without too many interruptions. That being said, if you have any changes in your schedule, please provide at least 2 weeks' notice so that a substitute or replacement can be found. *There is a child behind every hour that needs our help.*

- ***Is the tutoring in person or virtual?***

This will depend on each organization's structure, however most programs will be in person.

LITERACY: At New Haven Reads, both in-person and virtual tutoring occurs. The vast majority of our sessions are in person.

MATH: At New Haven Counts, both in-person and virtual tutoring occurs. The majority of our sessions are in person.

- ***Am I working with the same student over a period of time?***

Yes, this is our goal. Consistency builds trust, friendship and momentum in skill development.

- ***Who do I reach out to if I have additional questions about volunteering?***

Please reach out to Fernanda Franco at New Haven Reads fernanda@newhavenreads.org for questions about literacy tutoring or Ron Coleman at New Haven Counts ron@newhavencounts.org for questions about math tutoring.