

Whiz Kids



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MISSION

To hold out hope and to empower low-income and high-risk elementary and middle school kids through one-to-one tutoring, positive mentoring relationships, and spiritual nurture.

HISTORY

Started in 1991 when a handful of business, education, church and civic leaders met and agreed to establish an inner-city tutoring program focusing on at-risk elementary school aged kids.



THE TUTORS

Requirements: A willing heart, completed application, cleared background check.

Who can tutor: Tutors can be from various walks of life: professionals, college students, housewives and retirees. Parents and teens also make great tutoring teams! Teens 13 – 15 must tutor with a parent. Once they have a driver's license they can tutor on their own.



THE KIDS

Our target: Students on free and reduced lunch who are low academic performers. Students come from elementary and middle schools in Adams County, Aurora, Boulder, Denver, Douglas, Littleton and Jefferson County. They are referred to our program by their school's liaison teacher. We currently **serve 820 kids**.

THE SITES

When:

Once a week, Monday – Thursday. There are **52 sites** that meet after-school or in the evenings for **1.5 hours**.

What happens at tutoring: At most sites, tutors will drive with a partner to pick up their students and bring them to the site (1-2 miles). One hour of tutoring focusing on **reading, math and homework** help, followed by a 30 minute Club Time.

Club Time: Half-hour community time where tutors and students come together for songs and to hear the Gospel message. This time is led by the Club Leader.

Who: In addition to the tutors (15 – 20) each site has a Coordinator, Club Leader, Liaison Teacher and Field Director who oversee the site and help you as needed.





TRAINING

Each tutor must attend an **Orientation and Training** where they will receive their tutor manual and additional materials.

There is also a mid-year training at the end of January – Tips for Tutors.

THE COMMITMENT

ONCE a week – October - April

TWO hours (including driving if needed)

7 months (roughly 24 weeks)

Can't commit to once a week?

Sites may have subs to fill in when full-time tutors can't attend.

Another great option is to **team tutor**. Get a friend to volunteer with you and switch off every other week.

Or consider being a **substitute tutor** to fill in as needed.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Whiz Kids is instrumental in providing extra literacy, math and homework help to hundreds of struggling students. The one-on-one relationships formed between the student and a caring individual encourages success while increasing self-esteem and self-confidence. Students in Whiz Kids have seen consistent gains in **reading improvement (6-10%)** and have **half as many behavior incidences** in school as their peers.



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Our middle school program for youth grades 6-8 and Club Time is tailored to older students. There are 4 dedicated sites and pods (elementary school sites with middle school students combined during tutoring). Middle school youth and tutors also have the opportunity to go to camp in the spring.

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