



5 considerations for implementing a tutoring program in your school or district

The growing need for tutoring services

Educators have always stepped up to provide extra support to students who struggle to catch up or keep up with grade-level content and skills. With the aftermath of the pandemic, an increasing number of students who have fallen behind, and limited teacher capacity, districts are looking for additional ways to provide the extra help students need both during and outside the school day.

Before you meet with potential tutoring partners, it's important to define your district's needs and expectations. This guide covers five best practices for establishing a successful tutoring program—including how Remind Tutoring services can help.

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Set goals for your tutoring program

The first and most important step is to define clear objectives so you can maximize the impact of your tutoring program. The goals guiding your partnership with a tutoring provider may include:

- ~ Expanding learning options beyond the school day, including before- and after-school programs as well as summer school programs
- ~ Increasing instructional opportunities by providing face-to-face online tutoring with experienced, qualified tutors
- ~ Ensuring students have the necessary tools for virtual tutoring, both during sessions (whiteboarding interface) as well as after (communication channel)
- ~ Selecting a partner who supports student and family privacy, security, and accessibility

Remind can help by:

- Supporting ELA and math subjects for grade levels 1–12, including access to instructional materials from Renaissance Learning
- Offering a flexible, nationwide tutor pool for to accommodate scheduling needs and high-dosage sessions
- Ensuring tutors are properly vetted and interviewed
- Working in partnership with teachers to extend classroom learning
- Upholding world-class privacy and security policies across all communications





Identify who will own responsibility for the tutoring program

It's important to consider who will act as the primary stakeholders for the tutoring program, including identifying those responsible for:

- ~ Working with Remind to scope, administer, and monitor the tutoring program
- ~ Serving as the key contact point for parents and students

Remind can help by:

- Partnering with your point person to ensure the program's success, from initial onboarding to troubleshooting strategic questions or technical difficulties
- Monitoring attendance and usage
- Providing weekly progress reports and support through email and live chat





3. Identify target students for your tutoring program and benchmarks for measuring progress



Districts typically use benchmark assessment data and teacher recommendations to:

- ~ Identify students who would benefit the most from tutoring
- ~ Learn where students need the most help
- ~ Address any prerequisite skills that need to be addressed
- ~ Track progress towards their goals

Remind can help by:

- Conducting pre- and post-assessment reviews for students
- Offering hands-on learning through interactive whiteboards
- Focusing on each student's individual goals
- Providing post-session notes and supporting resources
- Delivering weekly progress reports from a designated Customer Success Manager





Decide on parameters or your program's tutoring sessions

Setting is crucial for a successful tutoring program. The optimal environment, schedule, session frequency, and format for a tutoring program can vary, so find the dates, times, and places that work for your students and their families.

Here are some factors to consider:

- ~ **Environment:** School or home-based tutoring sessions
- ~ **Access to technology:** Computers, headphones, a strong internet connection; if sessions are at home, two devices are recommended
- ~ **Schedule:** Outside of school hours or during a dedicated learning block
- ~ **Session frequency:** Consistent meetings are recommended, preferably 2-3 sessions per week for 40 or 60 minutes
- ~ **Individualized or group tutoring:** 1:1 or group sessions with 2-3 students and one tutor

Remind can help by:

- Sending whiteboard links for easy session access and an accessible working space
- Supporting both one-to-one and group tutoring
- Ensuring that students have face-to-face access to their tutors as well as an ongoing way to communicate with them





Create a comprehensive communication plan for your community



Tutoring is most effective when parents and caregivers work together to support students in their tutoring sessions. A solid communication plan helps ensure that technical difficulties are quickly resolved and academic questions are answered to everyone's satisfaction.

- ~ Announce the program to faculty, teachers, parents, and students
- ~ Share the program structure, the amount and type of input required from everyone involved, the timeline, and expected outcomes
- ~ Provide clear communication pathways for questions and technical difficulties



Remind can help by:

- Providing message templates for administrators to announce the partnership
- Sending students automated reminders for tutoring sessions via SMS and/or email
- Ensuring ongoing communication between students, tutors, parents, and classroom teachers on a proven communication platform



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