



Dear Members of the Board:

I would like to provide a comprehensive outline of our successful tutoring program with Sparks Academic Center. Sparks Academic Center offers Math and English tutoring for elementary and middle school students. Currently, Sparks has 75 Elementary students and 34 Middle School students in the One-on-one tutoring program and 32 Elementary students and 36 Middle School students in the after-school All-Stars program. Please see the number of students per grade below:

One-on-one Tutoring

Elementary School (Principal: Nereida Lopez)

Grade 0: 11 students

Grade 1: 6 students

Grade 2: 15 students

Grade 3: 12 students

Grade 4: 17 students

Grade 5: 14 students

Grand Total: 75 students

Middle School (Principal: Betsy Felix)

Grade 6: 15 students

Grade 7: 8 students

Grade 8: 11 students

Grand Total: 34 students

All Stars Tutoring

Elementary School (Principal: Nereida Lopez)

Grade 3: 10 students

Grade 4: 10 students

Grade 5: 12 students

Grand Total: 32 students

Middle School (Principal: Betsy Felix)

Grade 6: 18 students

Grade 7: 6 students

Grade 8: 12 students

Grand Total: 36 students

Sparks Academic Center's primary goal is to prepare students for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and increase students' grades and knowledge levels in Math and English subjects. Each student per grade level is being taught their current school curriculum. To add, Sparks is aware that each student is unique in their learning capabilities; thus, an extensive analysis of each student is conducted monthly to ensure that the student is receiving the proper and custom tutoring experience they need to be successful in their grade level. Sparks aims to correctly improve each student's weaknesses in Math and English from previous years, as a majority of students fell behind in their learning from the transition to online classes during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some students are not comfortable speaking or asking questions during their school sessions; thus, each tutor is committed to each student's educational success and makes sure that the student feels confident to ask questions during the tutoring sessions. Having one-on-one or groups of three tutoring sessions allows



students to have a safe and judgment-free environment to learn and ask academic questions rather than falling behind in their class. Each student in the tutoring program is taught through special educational programs that have been proven to provide educational success for the last 26 years of Sparks Academic Center's success with students of all grade levels. The incentives include fundamental learning engagement strategies that promote and increase students' academic test scores and classroom grades.

With the tutoring program's student/parent success and appreciation expressed through a survey given to students and parents, many parents continuously ask for additional hours of tutoring in Math and English for their children. Only after the approval and agreement of either the Elementary School principal or the Middle School principal can Sparks add additional hours to accommodate the needs of both students and parents. Both parents and students are thrilled with the One-on-one and All-Stars tutoring programs that Sparks offers and understand the quality of work as well as care that the tutors provide per tutoring session.

Every tutor that is part of Sparks Academic Center has consistent communication with each student's parent or guardian. Sparks makes sure that all students and their families are accommodated by providing custom schedules for the days and times that the parents find convenient for their child's lifestyle. The tutors offer advice and valuable information on each student to the parents regarding their child's future academic success and improvements that parents can implement for that success. Sparks Academic Center emphasizes the importance and care that each student should receive in their educational journey; thus, each tutor effectively adapts to their students' educational and learning capabilities in Math and English subjects. Sparks Academic Center's tutors communicate with Elementary and Middle School teachers to maintain balance and clear communication on what each student needs concerning their learning capabilities. It is essential for Sparks that their tutors align with the school teachers in following the same school curriculum to promote students' educational success.

The one-on-one tutoring program and the after-school All-Stars tutoring program of students in groups of three aim to provide in-depth explanations of anything related to the student's current and future school curriculum. Sparks Academic Center provides authentic care and commitment to each student's needs through assisting with questions about school-related topics in Math and English, difficult homework assignment questions, preparation for the CAASPP, and much more.

As stated previously above, Sparks Academic Center's primary goal is to prepare each student for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) and increase the student's grade and knowledge level in both Math and English subjects.