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Summer Tutoring: Things To Consider

You may homeschool your children, but when the summer comes, school is still out and academics have been put on pause (you probably want a break yourself). However, summer could be a good time to work on the areas where your child struggled with during the school year. Tutors are an excellent resource to tap into to make sure your child is ready and prepared when the new school year starts, but what factors should you consider when finding a tutor?

Small Signs That a Tutor Could Be Helpful

According to tutoring consultant [Edward Gordon](#), small signs that your child might need a little extra help could be poor grades, excuses for not doing homework, reluctance to do schoolwork, or disruptive behavior noted by your child's teacher. Gordon says, "The purpose of tutoring is to speed up the learning process, make up the skills the child has lost and get them back up to the instructional level so the teacher in the classroom can continue the learning process with the child."

Summer tutoring will enable your child to start off the new school year prepared, and equip them with the tools to overcome academic obstacles and succeed.

Consider Group Size

Depending on the tutor or tutoring program you choose, you may find yourself with the option of one-on-one tutoring or a group tutoring session. According to [First Tutors](#), one-on-one tutoring touts the benefit of more focused attention for your child, personalized teaching based on your child's needs, and enables your child to work at his or her own pace. It is possible that the tutor may even be able to travel to you, which is likely preferable in homeschooling scenarios. In addition, your child may feel a little bit more comfortable in a one-on-one tutoring session.

In a group tutoring setting, children are able to share knowledge with one another, make new friends, and experience a livelier environment for more enjoyable learning. A group setting also encourages interaction and the development of social skills, and will be a little more similar to the typical classroom your child may be lacking due to homeschooling. Group tutoring is often a little less expensive than one-on-one tutoring as well. Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses when deciding on the tutoring size.

Consider Cost

The cost of a tutor can range from free to a few hundred dollars a month depending on the route you take. A [private tutor](#) you can expect to pay \$10 to \$15 an hour for a high school student tutor, and up to \$75 an hour for a certified teacher. Tutoring agencies start at \$25 an hour and go up according to subject area and the tutor's level of experience and expertise. Tutoring centers typically meet once a week and might cost about \$50 per month, increasing to \$150 per week if the classes meet more frequently. Online learning is an option as well, with a subscription service running about \$100 per month and an online tutor charging anywhere from \$20 to \$50 per session. Rates vary depending on the tutor, location, and level of tutoring your child needs, but make sure to always inquire about additional fees, materials, and tests.

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