

How Schools Can Build Effective Virtual Tutoring



RESEARCH SUMMARY

💡 **Virtual tutoring can improve student outcomes.**

Most research has focused on in-person tutoring programs, which have shown the greatest impacts on student achievement. However, emerging evidence indicates that virtual tutoring by a live tutor or through a blended model can also be effective. *Note: Click on text to explore relevant resources.*

What the Research Says:

- 💡 **Comparison to in-person:** In a study of the CUNY Reading Corps, students achieved similar literacy gains whether tutoring was in person or virtual.
- 💡 **Early literacy:** Evaluations of multiple online tutoring programs show that virtual tutoring can accelerate reading growth for elementary students.
- 💡 **Middle grade math:** Studies from Italy, Spain, and the U.S. find that live online tutoring can meaningfully improve math performance.

DATA POINT

Virtual Tutoring
helped young
readers sound out
**3+ more
letter sounds
per minute.**

(Loeb et al., 2023)

Strategies to Improve Virtual Tutoring:

- 💡 **Be consistent:** Students should meet with the same tutor multiple times per week to build strong relationships.
- 💡 **Plan for tech issues:** Schedule buffer time for logins or connection problems, and have an adult available to assist.
- 💡 **Choose a quiet space:** Reduce distractions by hosting tutoring in libraries or designated tutoring rooms.
- 💡 **Keep it personal:** One-on-one sessions are often most effective. Two-on-one and three-on-one formats can work if carefully designed to maintain engagement.



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