

K-12 Connect Tutoring Program

K-12 Connect is a nonprofit organization housed within Grand Valley State University that partners with school districts to provide individualized K-12 academic support to students through virtual, high-dosage tutoring services in the areas of reading, math, and high school academic mentoring. Plans are underway to manage similar programs for other institutions of higher education.



SERVING			EMPLOYING
22 school districts	3,000 students	75,000+ contracted sessions scheduled	600+ tutors mentors



PROGRAM HISTORY

K-12 Connect formed in 2020 to combat pandemic learning loss by offering free virtual tutoring to Michigan families and has since grown by partnering with school districts to provide virtual, targeted, high-dosage tutoring to K-12 students.



PROGRAM IMPACT

- To date, K-12 Connect has offered over 75,000 tutoring sessions in schools throughout Michigan and Arizona. In total 3,000+ students have been served by 1,000+ tutors/mentors.
- Currently (Winter 2023), K-12 Connect employs over 600 tutors serving over 1,400 students. The program is largely implemented in Michigan and seeks to expand its scope of impact within Michigan as well as nationally.



STAFF MODEL

- K-12 Connect partners with districts to provide high-dosage, relationship-based tutoring to K-12 students. The program is flexibly designed with tutoring offered in and outside of school, available seven days a week. Tutors are highly trained and work in a community-based learning environment with ongoing coaching and collaborative peer and professional support. While tutors are currently college students tutoring in 1:1 and 1:2 virtual environments, K-12 Connect will expand its tutor pool this fall through utilizing paraprofessionals in a 1:3 setting as well.
- The program offers a variety of science-based tutoring options, including academic mentoring for high school students, targeted literacy support for all levels of readers, and targeted math for Kindergarten-Algebra 1 students. High school mentoring utilizes a framework centered around mentorship, skill development, and homework help. Targeted Reading Tutoring (TRT) provides evidence-based reading instruction to improve decoding, fluency, vocabulary acquisition, and comprehension. Targeted Literacy Challenge (TLC) builds upon reading tutoring to further accelerate literacy skills with a writing component. Targeted Math Tutoring utilizes Michigan's Ottawa Area ISD's Delta Math RTI program to accelerate math comprehension using focused intervention lessons with built-in screeners.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



ONBOARDING AND TRAINING

Tutors participate in general tutoring, diversity, equity and inclusion, and relationship-building training as well as specific content training. Additionally, throughout the 12-week cycle, each tutor meets with their coach once per week for individualized coaching. Tutors are also observed by their coach and provided feedback at least 2x/cycle.



RELATIONSHIP WITH SCHOOLS

K-12 Connect co-designs each tutoring program with the district partner to meet the specific scale, content and scheduling needs of each school. Weekly check-in meetings occur to provide continued support.



FUNDING SOURCES & DISTRICT CONTRACTS

K-12 Connect contracts with Districts that are currently using ESSER funds or grants to fund the tutoring program.



RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

General: University-wide email recruitment, Handshake job posting, Social media outreach.

Targeted Direct Appeals: College of Education, Across University, Work Study, Working on creating partnerships with other universities to offer opportunity to any college student.



HIGHLIGHTED RESOURCES

[22/23 Tutor Manual](#)
[Tutor Observation Rubric for Coaches](#)
[Literacy Micro-Credentials](#)

OVERALL STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHICS



21,648

students
attending

18,665

undergraduate
students

2,983

graduate
students

70

different countries
represented