

Dear Counselling Corner:

I would really like to find a tutor for my child so that they get off to a good start this school year. Do you know of anyone? I don't speak French and I studied math a very long time ago. Lol! Also, I am thinking that a tutoring relationship could be a very positive connection for my child. Do you have any local 'in person' community contacts? Thanks!

Mom

Dear Mom:

Absolutely. I am in touch with a number of university students in Coquitlam who are experienced tutors in the areas of French, English, math and other academic subjects. The tutors will meet in person such as at a public library in your area and charge affordable rates (approximately \$30 per hour). They will also tutor online if you wish. I am also happy to reach out to high schools on your behalf. Typically, high school student tutors charge around \$20-25 per hour depending on their experience and age. I do not run a tutoring service, but I am happy to connect you with a tutor and for you to work out the details (eg. when and where to meet as well as how often and an agreed upon hourly rate). I know most of the tutors personally through student leadership programs in Coquitlam.

In addition to academic gains, tutoring can also help your child by:

- Improving communication
- Building stronger relationships with peers
- Increasing confidence
- Helping them to reach their full potential
- Increasing study habits, organizational strategies and planning skills

In fact, I know of students whose tutor has become a positive role model in their lives and has been connected to them years later.

Please email me at hchang@sd43.bc.ca if you wish to request a tutor and I will try my best to find a good fit for you.

The Counselling Corner is intended to offer some helpful ideas, encouragement and insight on a variety of topics to support your child's social and emotional learning. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at hchang@sd43.bc.ca.

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