A Study on the Benefits of Consistent Online Tutoring



for Middle Schoolers

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Abstract

Our objective was to increase the comprehension and comfortability of Math and English for middle school students within the Simi Valley Unified School District.

From February 8th to May 27th, Moorpark College hosted a weekly online tutoring center where sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students attended 30 minute sessions that were catered to the individual.

At the end of the tutoring season, a survey was shared with the students and the data was then organized into graphs for interpretation. Overall, this was a successful season.

Creating a Learning Environment for Students to Flourish

We encouraged our tutors to connect with each student. It is our goal to create a safe space for students to feel comfortable to ask questions and learn.

100% of students reported feeling welcomed and supported at the Tutoring Center.87.5% also reported feeling an increase in confidence to attempt problems on their own.

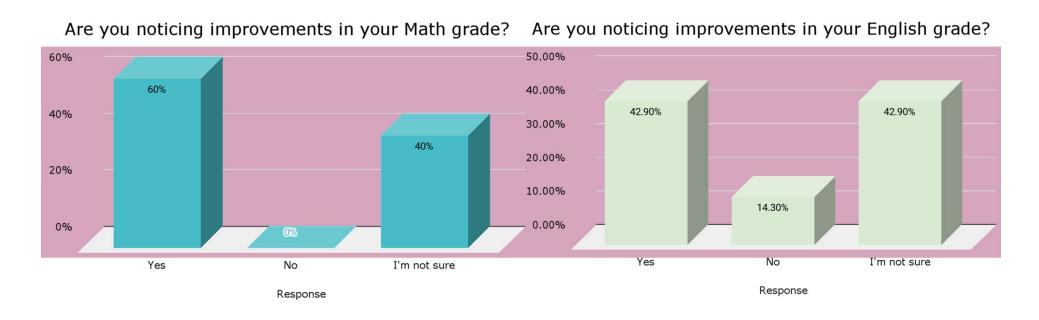
Do you feel welcomed and supported at the Tutoring Center?



After your tutoring session, do you feel more confident you could apply the concepts to problems on your



Student's Reported Progress



Students also reported zero technical difficulties while accessing our services.

Student's Personal Achievements

- ★ Get 100% percents only, which this tutoring is helping me achieve.
- ★ I have received one session only. I'm really looking forward for more sessions and improvement in my math. Thank you BJ Moon for your time and help!!
- ★ I got A+s on my science, math, english, and social studies test.
- \star I improved my grades.

- \star I graduated from middle school
- ★ I have improved in math.
- \star I feel like I understand more vocabulary now.
- ★ Improved math grade from D to C
- ★ I raised my grade.

Ways We Can Improve

When prompted about the overall structure of our tutoring center:

37.5% of students requested longer sessions

12.5% of students requested sessions structured with a lesson plan

56.3% stated they are happy with the current layout

Longer sessions
More structure similar to a lesson plan related to what you're learning
I'm happy with the way it is now

Tutoring Sessions to Come

In an effort to gage the popularity of our tutoring center amongst students, we asked if they would utilize this service again next year. We also inquired if they would use this service in high school.

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93.75% of students would utilize the service next year

100% of students would utilize this service in high school

Conclusion

Over the course of this tutoring season, many students strengthened their foundations within Mathematics and English. All students have expressed interest in continuing tutoring throughout high school. If the district decides to proceed with this program in the future, I highly recommend you hire an individual to focus solely on running the center. By doing so, the center would have more opportunity to thrive.