



Tutoring Services

By Kalyana Support Systems

Kalyana Support Systems offers a range of individualized tutoring services. We feel strongly that all children can learn and are committed to helping students accelerate their learning through the provision of evidence-based and data-driven curriculum.

We are uniquely qualified to offer the following services:

- Homework help
- Academic "head start" and "catch up"
- Skills for School Success group sessions
- Parent training and support for homeschooling families
- Summer reading programs
- Individualized math, language and reading programs

Direct Instruction Programs

Direct Instruction (DI) programs have been developed through empirical research and have been proven highly effective. DI is characterized by a focus on curriculum design and effective instructional delivery.

A guiding principal of DI is that every child can learn if we teach him or her carefully. This principle is reflected in the often heard statement, "If the learner hasn't learned, the teacher has not taught" (Tarver, 1999).

The goal of DI is to "do more in less time" – accelerating student learning by carefully monitoring and controlling instructional delivery and curriculum design.

Who can benefit from Direct Instruction?

- Talented and gifted students
- Students with special needs
- Students who are "at-risk"
- Students with diverse language backgrounds and learning styles

Direct Instruction programs and instructional methods are used to provide academic "head start" or "catch up" in the following areas:

Connecting Math Concepts and Corrective Mathematics

Students move through a series of strategies that teach them to understand and develop automaticity with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Each strategy is presented and practised through the use of manipulatives, games and worksheets.

Language for Learning, Thinking and Writing

Students move through a series of carefully organized daily exercises designed to teach words, concepts and language structures used in the classroom setting as well as in instructional materials and textbooks. Early levels of these programs provide the building blocks for reading and language comprehension. Later levels teach explicit written composition and brainstorming skills necessary for narrative and expository writing.

Reading Tricks and Reading Mastery

Reading programs have been designed to facilitate the direct teaching of critical skills and strategies to accelerate student progress. Programs target decoding strategies to target reading fluency, and comprehension skills to develop vocabulary, background information and reasoning skills that are the foundations for comprehension.

Social Skills Groups

A social skill is any skill facilitating interaction and communication with others. Social competence is the fluid use of these discrete skills in order to establish social relationships and friendships. For those with special needs, social skill deficits are often manifested by impulsive behaviour, socially inappropriate behaviour, social isolation, difficulty understanding cause and effect, lack of insight, decreased ability to self-monitor and regulate one's behaviour.

For many children, social skills are learned by observing how others in their environment handle social situations. For some children, however, more direct instruction is needed to help them develop appropriate social skills. Social skill groups provide students with an opportunity to develop essential social skills in a supportive and therapeutic environment. Through a highly structured set of lessons, children are taught specific skills in a step by step approach. The group setting provides the opportunity to practise and reinforce these skills.

Who can benefit from this program?

- Students with ASD
- Students with Acquired brain injury and non-verbal learning disabilities
- Students with anxiety or social difficulties

Skills for School Success

Skills for School Success is a research-based, four-level, teacher-directed program designed to systematically teach critical organizational skills and study skills. The program is designed for students in the elementary and middle grades.

Students are taught skills critical for classroom competence, including:

- Appropriate learning behaviours
- Organizational skills
- Specific learning strategies
- Textbook reference and graphics skills
- Use of classroom reference materials

Who can benefit from this program?

- Students preparing for entry into elementary or high school
- Students who have not yet mastered organization or study skills

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The program runs June to August and is designed for earl-elementary, elementary, middle school and high school students. By participating, students will have the opportunity to read a selection of books that cover a range of topics related to autism spectrum disorders.

Homework Help Clinic

Do you struggle with helping your child with his/her homework? This program is ideally suited for you. Tutors help teach students ways to better understand their work, and improve their organizational skills, project completion skills and exam preparation skills.