



WHAT MAKES SAGE LEARNING CENTER DIFFERENT? REMEDATION VS. TUTORING

As the director of Sage Learning Center I am often asked what makes us different from other well know learning centers or from freelance tutors. Sage Learning Center shares many of the goals of franchise centers and freelance tutors alike: to improve student success rates at school and to address immediate obstacles to short-term performance.

However, our philosophies are very different with our overriding concern being to address not only obvious symptoms but to find long-term cures. We work towards developing a strong base or foundation; other centers may focus on the obvious problem or current struggle for the student. Sage Learning Center is designed to carefully evaluate why a student is struggling and how to solve the problem, both in the near term and more permanently for ongoing success. We do not simply tutor children, we remediate in order to terminate or reduce the cause. Tutoring is an easy fix to an underlying setback, it allows a child to get by and pass a class but does not allow a child to change a learning behavior. Our goal at the center is to give each child the tools and skills needed to become life long, efficient, confident and truly independent learners.

To permanently solve a learning problem, the underlying skills, or foundation, must be developed. Current brain research allows us the opportunity to understand how brains are different and how they can be reprogrammed. We can train a student's brain to process, as well as retrieve information more efficiently.

Furthermore, we know that in order to be a successful reader and learner you must have each foundational skill intact. Many students try to begin reading without the development of phonemic awareness or the ability to

think about, isolate and manipulate the sounds inside a word. Without the development of phonemic awareness a student will be frustrated, confused and may continue to struggle with any phonics program no matter how well known or successful. Through our remediation we are able to retrain the brain to think about sounds in the most effective possible way. Once phonemic awareness is established, the brain can then begin the process of learning how to read.

Perhaps the most profound departure from franchises or freelance tutoring arrangements is the commitment of the Sage Learning Center to one-on-one instruction based on each individual child's needs. Through the initial assessment, we are able to pinpoint your child's individual learning challenges. We determine what pieces of the puzzle are missing and create a unique program specific to your child. Each student program looks different because each child is treated as an individual. Through one-on-one remediation, your child is able to get the best attention in order to overcome any learning struggles. At Sage Learning Center, your child will gain the confidence, attention and endurance with the intention of independent success inside the classroom.

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