

AVERAGE

STANDARD TUTORING

VS

EXCELLENCE

NORTHBRIDGE TUTORING

TRAINING

STANDARD:

Tutor training and experience varies. Knowledge of content is often the primary determinant of tutor quality.

NORTHBRIDGE:

Tutors are hired based on experience in special education and tutoring. Our tutors enjoy connecting with and building rapport with students, and are able to break down complicated academic content in ways that our students can comprehend.

CONSISTENCY

STANDARD:

Students work with a variety of tutors depending on an evolving schedule.

NORTHBRIDGE:

Students see the same tutors at the same times throughout the week, which helps build student/tutor relationships and keeps our students accountable.

TUTORING SESSIONS

STANDARD:

A set amount of time that is usually "homework help" (the student completes homework with tutors help).

NORTHBRIDGE:

Tutors are trained and prepared to help students deal with the executive functioning challenges that can derail academic progress. Tutors help students organize their materials, utilize technology to track assignments and deadlines, and develop effective study habits while providing generalized academic support.

ACCESSIBILITY

STANDARD:

Only during scheduled tutoring sessions.

NORTHBRIDGE:

Tutors are available during scheduled hours as well as open hours spread throughout the day. In addition, students can e-mail tutors with questions and/or concerns and receive a reply within 24 hours. The Northbridge office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

COMMUNICATION

STANDARD:

There is no parent involvement unless the student chooses to share.

NORTHBRIDGE:

Feedback to parents or guardians is an important part of the Northbridge program. Our staff communicates with a weekly report on student progress including updated grade reports, upcoming exams, successes, and areas of concern.