

Pikes Peak One+One

PERSONALIZED TUTORING IN READING

A ministry of AGAPE church community

4965 Barnes Road | Colorado Springs, CO 80917



Feel the *joy* of helping a child learn to read!

Pikes Peak One+One is offering a free high-quality reading tutoring program to the students of Carver Elementary for the 2021/2022 school year. Here's where you come in... we are in need of volunteer tutors! *You can make a lifelong impact in a young learner's life!!*

Since its inception in 1996, the strength of Pikes Peak One+One has been the volunteers trained for positive one-on-one interaction with children to help them become lifelong readers so they can be lifelong learners.

Who can tutor?

You can tutor if you love children, are a tenth grader or older, and want to help a struggling child learn to read. You do not have to be a teacher or have any formal background in reading instruction.

How will I learn to be a tutor?

We offer training and orientation at the start of each semester. Our instructional adviser—who has professional qualifications for teaching children to read—will teach you what you need to know to work one-on-one with the child matched with you for the semester. Tutors do not have to plan lessons; they follow lessons prepared by the instructional adviser.

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Please email application by Tuesday, September 7th to:

Cathy Ernst, Co-Director of PPO+O
cernstdes@gmail.com

What does a tutor do?

Each tutor spends an hour per week with the same child, who will most likely be a student in grades one, two, or three.

We ask for 90 minutes each week, from 5:45 to 7:15 on Tuesday evenings, for the duration of the semester. This allows the tutor to quickly review the lesson, spend an hour with the student, and record feedback for the instructional adviser. The fall semester runs from the beginning of October until Christmas break. The spring semester runs from mid-January into May.

If I want to tutor, what's my next step?

Fill out an application. Ask a teacher or other adult in your life to fill out a referral form. Be ready to attend all training sessions. Commit to tutoring for a full semester!

To the students of Doherty High School,

Hi, my name is Zach. I'm a senior Psychology student at Colorado Mesa University and a behavior technician at Behavior Services Incorporated. When I was 15 (five years ago) I offered to be a volunteer reading tutor at Pikes Peak One-Plus-One. ***I'm writing this letter today because even years later, my time as a volunteer remains one of the most rewarding things I've ever done, both personally and professionally.***

It was personally rewarding because of my relationships with the students I tutored. I got to watch their skills strengthen each week, as they read with more confidence and took on harder books, using skills I had taught them. ***That sense of accomplishment, paired with the personal connection that forms as you get to know your student, makes the experience more than worthwhile on its own.*** Yet, that isn't all I gained from being a tutor at PPO+O.

The job I have now as a behavior technician sees me working with kids yet again, teaching them life and social skills to help them succeed. I've set off on a real career path, even while still finishing my degree. ***Being a tutor not only helped to prepare me for my current job, but it helped with my interview too.*** I spoke extensively on all I had learned as a tutor, and how much the work meant to me, which went a long way towards impressing the employers. ***All that is to say, tutoring isn't just emotionally rewarding (though it certainly is that too), but depending on your plans for the future, it's a real opportunity for experience to set yourself apart.*** To those of you who think you might appreciate being a tutor, I would absolutely encourage you to do so.

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I wish you the very best, and I hope it means as much to you as it did to me.

Sincerely,
Zachary D.

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TUTOR APPLICATION FORM

I am interested in becoming a Pikes Peak One+One tutor so I can help a child learn to read.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

WHAT METHOD OF COMMUNICATION DO YOU PREFER?

CELL PHONE HOME PHONE EMAIL

I AM AVAILABLE TO TUTOR:

AS A REGULAR AS A SUBSTITUTE

PLEASE LIST ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT TUTORING:

Questions? Contact: Cathy Ernst: 719-233-1425 / cernstdes@gmail.com OR
Cheryl Prince: 719-229-1621 / cp14125@gmail.com

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TUTOR APPLICANT REFERENCE FORM

Date _____

_____ has volunteered to work in the tutoring ministry of our church. He/she has listed your name as a reference. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions and return this form by email or mail (see bottom of form for addresses) within a week. Thank you for your time.

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. How would you relate the applicant's ability to work with children, youth, and/or adults in a ministry of tutoring?

3. Would you have any hesitation about this applicant interacting with children, youth or adults?
If yes, please explain.

4. Does the applicant have a police record or have they had problems with law enforcement agencies (not including minor traffic violations)?

5. Is there any other information about the applicant that you would like to share?

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Title or Position _____ Date _____

Return completed form to:

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