

Academic Summer Programs 2012

Our summer programs offer an enjoyable, multisensory, specialized, educational experience for bright children with a range of learning differences, which affect their classroom performance. They are ideal for students who need an introduction to intensive reading, writing, spelling, math, and/or study strategies, as well as for those who need to maintain their skills throughout the summer months.



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We teach the way students learn.

RITES Summer Programs are highly specialized to meet the individual needs of our students, while working in small groups of 4 to 8 students. Students experience several concrete, sequential ways to approach each challenge, providing them with real tools they can rely on now and in the future, at home and back in their classrooms.

AT OUR SUMMER PROGRAMS, ONE CAN EXPECT:

A Multifaceted Teaching and Learning Experience

We know there are many ways to approach education. At the same time, not everyone learns the same way. We incorporate visual, auditory and "hands-on" means to deliver information so that every student has an opportunity to access material the best way possible. The end result is a fully engaged class and teacher, working together and experiencing academic success.

Low Teacher/Student Ratio

Each class is kept deliberately small (**4-8 students per teacher**) to ensure individualized attention.

Experienced Director and Staff

Our summer school directors have extensive experience with learning differences as educators and administrators. Our directors select experienced, dynamic, qualified teachers who approach teaching in a multisensory, systematic, individualized way.



Self-Esteem

Even the most reluctant summer students quickly discover the power of meeting and befriending other students who share their struggles and strengths; under the guidance of caring, energetic, knowledgeable teachers, they realize learning can be fun and accessible. Ultimately, they begin to understand how intelligent and talented they really are.

Reference Notebook

Each student comes away with a "portfolio" of their summer work, including reminders of the strategies used.

Full Progress Report

Identifies specific strengths, tracks progress and suggests areas on which to concentrate, with helpful follow-through ideas, such as program recommendations and family activities to reinforce concepts.

Tutor Referrals

Access to our wide range of experienced local tutors for those who want to continue the work started for a comprehensive year-round plan.

Financial Aid

Applications are available upon request by calling us at (401) 723-4459, or by downloading the forms from our Web site at www.ritutorial.org.

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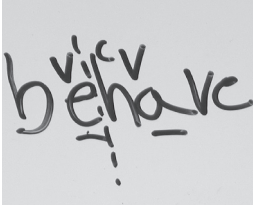
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All Rhode Island Tutorial and Educational Services programs have been developed using the most current scientific research, which details instructional practices that increase academic skills. For example, our reading program was developed from the latest research-based teaching practices from the National Reading Panel, which outlines the importance of decoding/word-attack strategies for successful readers. Our math classes adhere to the recommendations of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, providing many hands-on explorations of math concepts. Multisensory, differentiated instruction is the hallmark of our programs, creating classroom success for our students.

About RITES and Hamilton

RITES

Rhode Island Tutorial and Educational Services, Inc. (RITES) is an established non-profit organization of experienced, certified teachers, specialists and advocates that provides customized individual tutoring, small-group reading instruction, workshops for parents and students, advocacy support, assessments, and summer programs. Founded over fifteen years ago to serve the Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts community, RITES works with students of all ages (including adults) with various learning styles, and empowers them with the strategies and skills they need to be successful in their classrooms, at home, and in the workplace. Our teachers work in different settings: in our Pawtucket Learning Center, from their home offices throughout the area, in public spaces such as libraries, occasionally within schools, and some travel to families' homes.
www.ritutorial.org

The Hamilton School at Wheeler

The Hamilton School at Wheeler is a coeducational school-within-a-school for bright students in grades 1 through 8 with language-based learning differences. Founded in 1988, Hamilton specializes in multisensory, direct instruction within a small-class setting. Hamilton students receive instruction in core subjects within their own classrooms, but participate in art, music, P.E., lunch, recess, and other programs with their Wheeler peers, promoting a sense of larger community and their contributions as valuable assets to that community.
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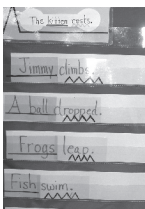
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Orton-Gillingham-based Language Arts

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 2 – 6 (Grouped accordingly)	July 9 – August 10	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$1,500

Is your child struggling to read? Reading below grade level? Having trouble spelling and writing down ideas?



In this 5-week course, students learn how to read, write and spell better using a proven phonemically-based, multisensory method of instruction. Students participate in guided reading and writing lessons, with hands-on activities that improve these skills, while engaging them and boosting their self-esteem.



Skills covered include:

FOR READING AND SPELLING:

- ⊙ Phonics/decoding/encoding
- ⊙ Phonemic awareness
- ⊙ Sight word recognition
- ⊙ Syllabication
- ⊙ Spelling rules
- ⊙ Vocabulary development
- ⊙ Fluency
- ⊙ Comprehension

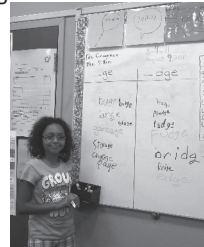
FOR WRITING:

- ⊙ Organizing/sequencing ideas
- ⊙ Improving sentence structure
- ⊙ Developing strong paragraphs
- ⊙ Using proper grammar
- ⊙ Handwriting
- ⊙ Editing/proofreading
- ⊙ Keyboarding

Students say:

"What I liked best was the help I got. It will help me with my reading more."

"I like everything here. I learned about the doubling rule and OG basketball made learning about letters and sounds fun!"



Learning Locomotion included:



We have a **certified movement therapist** working with our Providence program. We utilize specific movement activities to enhance such areas as spatial orientation, directionality, motor coordination, balance, and sensory integration to nurture these important physical foundations for learning. Students are then better prepared to concentrate, follow directions, process information, and engage in the learning process more actively. **This component of our program is integrated directly into the course.**



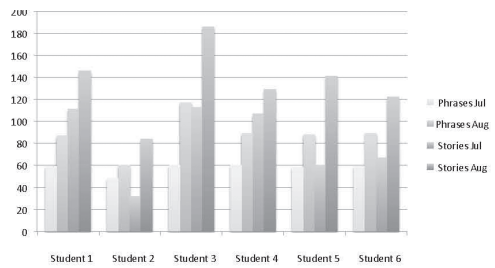
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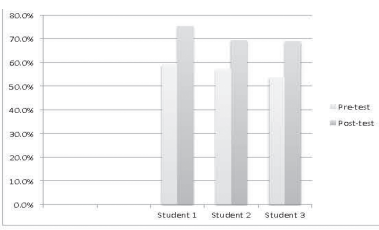
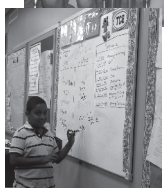
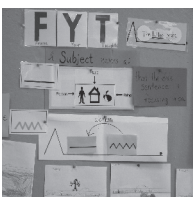
Orton-Gillingham-based Language Arts Sample Schedule

Time	Activity
9:00 - 9:15 am	Morning Meeting Orton-Gillingham Reading & Spelling Lesson Snack & Recess Computer (M, W, F) Movement (T, Th)
9:15 - 10:15 am	
10:15 - 10:30 am	
10:30 - 11:00 am	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Reading Comprehension/Fluency Readers Theater/Written Expression

Here's just a small sampling of the gains made by the students in our 2011 O-G-based Language Arts program:



On average, this class **improved 46%** with sight-word phrase fluency and a staggering **61%** for story fluency (key factors for reading comprehension) in just 5 weeks!



Beginner Orton-Gillingham Class (entering Grade 2 & 3)

These students entered the program with poor phonemic awareness. By the end of the 5 weeks, **they had improved their skills by an average of 15%!**



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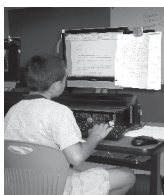
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Advanced Language Arts

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 5 – 6	July 9 – July 27	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$855

Is your child reading, but struggling to understand and retain the information? Does your child have trouble organizing ideas for written assignments?



This course is designed to improve students' reading fluency and comprehension. Students will also hone word attack skills, using Orton-Gilligham-based approaches. Writing is incorporated throughout this course, using graphic organizers to sequence ideas. Paragraph formation is taught in a step-by-step manner, and students also work on different types of essays.

Skills covered include:

FOR READING:

- Ⓞ Multisyllabic decoding/encoding
- Ⓞ Prefixes/roots/suffixes
- Ⓞ Vocabulary development
- Ⓞ Guided reading
- Ⓞ Fluency
- Ⓞ Comprehension

FOR WRITING:

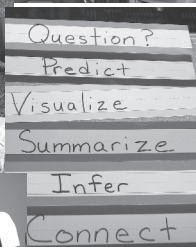
- Ⓞ Organizing/sequencing ideas
- Ⓞ Improving sentence structure
- Ⓞ Developing strong paragraphs
- Ⓞ Using proper grammar
- Ⓞ Editing/proofreading
- Ⓞ Word processing/keyboarding

"After watching this child work so hard year after year and continuously fail, this summer was like seeing a beautiful butterfly emerge to see what a glorious world there is through written words... which now make sense! I can't thank you enough for opening this world to my girl." (Grandparent)

"My son has become so confident with his reading and writing skills throughout the program. He absolutely loved his time there and even asked to go back next summer!" (Parent)

"I liked making new friends while learning new spelling rules." (Student)

"I liked everything, especially Reader's Theater." (Student)





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Written Expression *with* Mathematics

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 4 – 5	July 9 – July 27	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$855

Does your child express thoughts verbally, but have trouble writing them down? Is your child struggling with math concepts?

This course provides concrete strategies and techniques to improve writing. Students learn the mechanics of editing, proofreading and polishing written work. Graphic organizers and templates are used to sequence ideas. Paragraph formation is taught in a step-by-step manner.

Additionally, this is a hands-on interactive math class, in which students learn through effective multisensory methods and fun activities. Students develop a strong foundation in mathematical concepts and improve their basic skills and confidence. They also work on improving accuracy and speed of their mathematical computations.



Skills covered include:

FOR WRITING:

- ⊙ Organizing/sequencing ideas
- ⊙ Improving sentence structure
- ⊙ Developing strong paragraphs
- ⊙ Using proper grammar
- ⊙ Handwriting
- ⊙ Editing/proofreading
- ⊙ Word processing/keyboarding

FOR MATHEMATICS:

- ⊙ Math facts: + , - , x , ÷
- ⊙ Word problems
- ⊙ Fractions
- ⊙ Numerical relationships
- ⊙ Math vocabulary
- ⊙ Math patterns
- ⊙ Place value
- ⊙ Critical thinking

"The hours were great and I felt that my son got the practice and instruction in writing that he needed." (Parent)

"We loved getting writing and math strategies in one class!" (Parent)

"I learned how to be more descriptive, and the Base 10 Blocks and math games really helped me understand math more." (Student)





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Study Smarter, Not Harder *with* Written Expression

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 6 – 8	July 30 - August 10	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$570

Is your middle schooler disorganized? Does your child struggle with taking notes, studying for tests and expressing thoughts clearly on paper?

This course helps students learn “how to learn” and manage the demands of school. Students learn “active” study strategies to help them retain more information and increase their independence. Students participate in activities that help them uncover their learning styles and understand how best to use their strengths to overcome their difficulties. They learn step-by-step methods to approach their assignments and meet deadlines, easing homework anxiety.



Additionally, this course provides concrete strategies and techniques to improve writing. Students learn the mechanics of editing, proofreading and polishing written work.

Skills covered include:

FOR STUDY SKILLS:

- ⊙ Using study strategies
- ⊙ Following directions
- ⊙ Reading textbooks effectively
- ⊙ Outlining/note-taking
- ⊙ Highlighting techniques
- ⊙ Test-taking strategies
- ⊙ Organizing longer assignments
- ⊙ Managing time

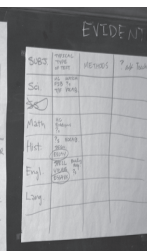
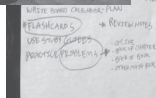
FOR WRITING:

- ⊙ Organizing/sequencing ideas
- ⊙ Improving sentence structure
- ⊙ Developing strong paragraphs
- ⊙ Using proper grammar
- ⊙ Writing different types of essays
- ⊙ Editing/proofreading
- ⊙ Word processing/keyboarding

“The Study Smarter, Not Harder Program was fun and engaging. My son learned important study skills to prepare him for middle school and he loved it!” (Parent)

“My daughter’s confidence as she heads into 7th grade is obvious, and that means the choice to send her to this program was a wise one - thank you!” (Parent)

“I liked how the class gave me lots of new ideas to study for tests and quizzes, and how to lay out projects.” (Student)





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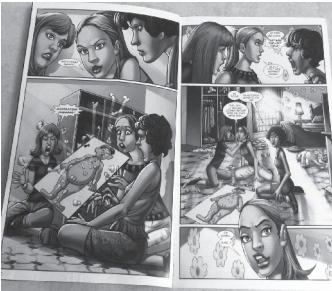
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Communicating Through Comics (*New this year!*)

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 6 – 8	July 16 - July 20	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	\$285

Is your middle schooler reluctant to write, but does he or she have something to say? Does your child enjoy graphic novels, manga, animé, doodling, and drawing? Does your middle schooler need help sequencing thoughts on paper?



This course is for students who want to explore how to express themselves through comic book design. In a fun, relaxed atmosphere, students will work on their own comic book development, sharing their ideas and supporting each other all along the way. Guided by their experienced teacher, working within a chosen theme, and using The Comic Book Project curriculum from Center for Educational Pathways, they will build their own comic from the ground up, walking away with at least one completed and “published” book.

Skills covered include:

- © Organizing/sequencing ideas
- © Strengthening the “writer’s voice”
- © Developing vocabulary
- © Using proper grammar
- © Editing/proofreading
- © Drawing in stylized way
- © Improving spacial awareness and placement
- © Providing visual balance
- © Creating audience appeal
- © Increasing social awareness and skill-building

Dr. Michael Bitz, founder of The Comic Book Project and Executive Director of Center for Educational Pathways, has presented at many national conferences. Here’s what one attendee of his presentation at the New England Comic Arts in the Classroom Conference had to say:

“I was so moved by the photos Dr. Bitz showed of the students involved in the project. They were so proud and excited about their work, and the finished products that he brought in as samples were phenomenal.”





Early Morning Program

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
All	July 9 - August 10	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	\$50/wk

Hamilton offers an early drop-off program where children are supervised by summer program staff and participate in age-appropriate activities until the start time of their regularly-scheduled program.

Afternoon Wheeler Camp (at Wheeler Farm in Seekonk, MA)

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
All	July 9 - August 10	12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Prorated <i>(see below)</i>

For those in the Hamilton morning Educational Programs, this afternoon option provides a full day of programming. Wheeler campers are offered a variety of experiences to choose from each day, which are tailored to the interests of the individuals. **You must pack a lunch.** For more information and to register, visit www.wheelerschool.org/summercamp. Just contact us at 401-723-4459 to inquire about the discount code (*students must be signed up for both programs, with an application and acceptance for the Hamilton program to qualify*).

Transportation to the Wheeler Camp from the Hamilton program is available. The cost is \$25/wk.

Afternoon Martial Arts (Main Street Martial Arts, Providence)

Grades	Dates	Time	Price*
All	July 16 - July 20	12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	\$100
		12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	\$120
		12:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	\$150
		12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	\$180

Children love the wonderful and active art of Karate, and we are pleased to partner again with Main Street Martial Arts this year to offer our students an opportunity to learn karate in a nurturing and supportive atmosphere. Students will gain strength and stamina through a great physical workout and then learn the basics of self-defense through Karate. **You should pack a lunch.**

Transportation to the Main Street Martial Arts from the Hamilton program is available and is included in the price.

Sample Schedule:

Time	Activity
12:30 p.m.	Arrival & Lunch Karate Options: Bricks, Sticks & More, Arts & Crafts, Sword & Staff, Strategic Games, Drumming Pick-up 1 or Karate Pick-up 2 or Sword & Staff/Aikido/Tai Chi Pick-up 3 or Aikido/Karate Final Pick-up
1:30 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	



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Reading Circle

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 1	July 9 - August 8 (M & W, 10 sessions)	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	\$250
Entering 2	July 10 - August 9 (T & Th, 10 sessions)	8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	\$250
Entering 3	July 9 - August 8 (M & W, 10 sessions)	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	\$315
Entering 4 - 5	July 10 - August 9 (T & Th, 10 sessions)	4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	\$315

Do you have a reluctant reader? How do you inspire your child to read more during the summer months?



This program is designed with the answers to these questions in mind. We strive to engage students who need to strengthen and continue practicing their reading skills. Reading materials focus on fiction and nonfiction, and students respond to these texts through discussions and writing. Classes are kept deliberately small ([teacher/student ratio is 1:4](#)) to ensure individualized attention.

Skills covered include:

- ⊙ Phonemic awareness
- ⊙ Phonics/decoding/encoding
- ⊙ Sight word recognition
- ⊙ Guided reading
- ⊙ Vocabulary development
- ⊙ Fluency
- ⊙ Comprehension strategies



Parents say:

"This program provided the skills and strategies our children need for the school years ahead."

"The teacher made my child feel very comfortable."

"This program helped my son be engaged in his reading during the summertime."



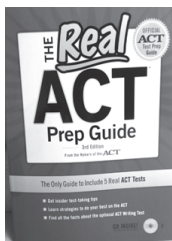
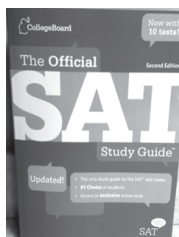
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**PSAT, SAT, ACT Test Prep:
 Personalized, One-to-One Program**

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 10 – 12	All summer and year-round	Flexible schedule to meet needs of individual families (8-hour minimum)	\$720 starter package \$85/hr. 9-20 additional hours \$80/hr. 21+ hours

Our personalized one-to-one SAT Prep program is designed to improve scores, ease anxiety and teach strategies for approaching each section of the test with confidence. Our understanding of different learning styles enhances the experience, allowing us to address individual needs.



Individual Tutorials in Orton-Gillingham, Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Study Skills

Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 1 – 12	All summer	Flexible: 1-hr sessions	\$55/hr.

These sessions are individual multisensory tutorials designed to engage each student and specifically meet his/her needs. Scheduling is flexible to fit into your summer plans. Students typically meet once or twice a week for one-hour sessions.

**No application needed for these options - to schedule, just call
 (401) 723-4459, x143.**

*Sites Around Rhode Island
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Grades	Dates	Time	Price
Entering 1 – 12	All summer	Flexible: 1-hr sessions	\$55/hr.

These sessions are individual multisensory tutorials designed to engage each student and specifically meet his/her needs. Scheduling is flexible to fit into your summer plans. Students typically meet once or twice a week for one-hour sessions. Depending on your specific needs and the tutor/student placement, these sessions take place at the tutor’s home office, at a common meeting space, such as a local public library, or at your home.

**PSAT, SAT, ACT Test Prep:
Personalized, One-to-One Program**

See **Page 12** for pricing and a full description of this program.

**No application needed for these options - to schedule, just call
(401) 723-4459, x143.**

Parents say:

"We were so happy with the quality of tutors you have on staff. Paige’s RITES teacher has far exceeded our expectations, and Paige would not have been able to learn all she has this year without her!"

"My son and I have been very pleased with RITES. In only a few months, I have noticed significant improvement in my son’s reading. The staff is knowledgeable and has generously accommodated our specific needs. I would highly recommend them to other families who are looking for quality tutors."



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