



Chicago’s Middle School Math SHDT Program

Total students served in 2023-2024: 91 across 3 PLI study schools

OVERVIEW: In-person math tutoring was delivered in a dedicated tutoring classroom during students’ non-core classes. Students rotated between working with a district-trained tutor using the Saga curriculum and completing independent online practice through Freckle Math.

AMOUNT OF TUTORING: Students were intended to receive 120 minutes of tutoring per week. On average, they received about 31 hours over the school year, 45 percent of the intended amount.

COST: Thirty weeks of this program are estimated to cost \$870 per student, including all program resources, not limited to vendor fees.

UNIQUE FEATURES:

- The district-run Tutor Corps program recruited tutors from communities and local colleges. Schools were allowed to nominate their own tutors and had substantial autonomy in managing the tutoring program.
- Some schools had a dedicated “math lab” space where sessions were held.

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Student-to-tutor ratio	Max number of students per group	8	Number of students typically assigned to groups	8
Amount of tutoring	Designed minutes per session	60 if 2 sessions per week or 30 if 4 sessions	Typically offered minutes per session	60
	Designed sessions per week	2 or 4	Offered sessions per week	2
	Span in which the program was expected to occur	Aug.-June	Actual span in which the program was offered	Oct.-June (14-36 weeks)
	Designed number of sessions per year	68 or 136	Average number of sessions students received	46
	Designed minutes of tutoring per year	4,080	Average number of minutes each student received	1,855

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Setting	Designed time during the school day for tutoring	During an intervention block or class period	When in the school day tutoring was typically scheduled	During a non-tier-1 instruction period
	Designed to be in person or virtual	In person	Offered in person or virtually	In person
	Designed classroom format	Intended to vary based on school needs (push-in or pull-out to a separate location)	Implemented classroom format	Sessions held in a dedicated space for tutoring (pull-out)
Materials	Designed integration of a computer-assisted learning platform	District-approved option chosen by the school	Offered integration of a computer-assisted learning platform	Freckle Math
	Designed instructional materials	District-approved option chosen by the school	Offered instructional materials	Saga
Tutor staffing	Designed tutor workforce strategy	Tutors employed by Chicago Public Schools needed to have at least a high school diploma and to pass a math assessment. Some effort to hire members of the community, including parents, college students, teachers, paras, alumni, etc.	Implemented tutor workforce details	22% of tutors reported having a BA or above and 33% reported 2 or more years of experience in education. Tutors typically reported receiving 5 hours of training.
			30-week cost as offered, per student	\$870

SOURCES: 2023-2024 school year interviews with school coordinators, surveys of tutors and coordinators, administrative data on enrollment and attendance, site visit and observation notes, program documents, and interviews with study site teams. Costs are in 2023 USD.