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KnowlEdge@McLean

# Tutoring to Individual Learning Styles K-12

## KnowlEdge@McLean

*KnowlEdge@McLean* is a tutoring service that provides support to area public and independent school students through a tutoring collaborative between McLean School of Maryland and William R. Stixrud Tutoring Services.

An ever-increasing number of Washington area students are struggling with the demands of their academic work. For students with learning issues and diagnosed disabilities, traditionally effective teaching and tutoring strategies may not be enough. Research has found that individuals with academic difficulties experience the most successful intervention through one-on-one tutoring. And so, *KnowlEdge* works one-on-one with students to develop specific skills and strategies that will improve their learning and the quality of their schoolwork.

Our approach to working with students is based on a neuropsychological model of academic skill development, which the *KnowlEdge* tutors learn in their training with Dr. Stixrud and from hands-on implementation. Information about brain functioning helps our tutors understand why students learn easily - or struggle - and how to support them through brain-based teaching strategies. Grounded in the scientific study of learning and learning disorders, our approach also emphasizes caring and empathy, vital in nurturing successful students.

The *KnowlEdge* collaborative matches the right *KnowlEdge* tutor with each student, considering tutor personality, interest, style, training and experience; and each student's evaluations, report cards, testing and parent surveys.

## KnowlEdge Tutors

*KnowlEdge* tutors have the right combination of classroom experience and training. They receive ongoing education and support, including in-service workshops from Dr. Stixrud and his staff, as well as continued training and mentoring.

*KnowlEdge* tutors work with students from kindergarten through grade 12. They specialize in reading, writing, mathematics, science and history; in addition, they address organizational issues, study skills and test taking strategies.

## KnowlEdge Tutoring Sessions

We recommend that students and tutors meet a minimum of two sessions per week. In some cases, students may need more intensive remediation to allow for adequate practice and/or the time necessary to develop appropriate connections in the brain. *KnowlEdge* tutors are available to meet with students after school Mondays through Thursdays and Saturday mornings. The individual sessions include analysis of the student's needs, communication with the family, a progress report every 8 sessions and the expertise of a McLean learning specialist.

Each 50-minute tutoring session is \$80.00

Martha Ein, M.Ed., Director of Learning Specialists at McLean, oversees the academic side of *KnowlEdge*; Jenny Whichard '92, SummerEdge and After-School Programs Director at McLean, oversees the logistics.

## KnowlEdge Team

William R. Stixrud, Ph.D. has been in private practice as a neuropsychologist for over 20 years. Dr. Stixrud provides tutor training in cutting-edge approaches for remediating academic difficulties associated with learning disabilities through the *Strategies that Works* class that he created 18 years ago. Dr. Stixrud is a member of the clinical faculties at Children's National Medical Center and George Washington University Medical School.

McLean School of Maryland is an independent, co-educational, college-preparatory K-12 school, serving the Washington, DC area for over 50 years. McLean builds self-confidence in students as they learn to advocate for themselves and to prepare for success in college and beyond. The school has an understanding of and an appreciation for students (and families) with a broad range of learning profiles. McLean "makes learning accessible..."

## KnowlEdge Registration

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