

Department of Family Support Services & Assessment

FEVTutor: Information for the BOE

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What is FEVTutor?

FEV Tutor is a live, one-to-one virtual intervention platform used to support students with highly targeted instruction to assist in homework and coursework completion. This data-driven platform allows students to take control of their learning by creating a set schedule or log-on 24/7 to receive focused support on their homework.

FEVTutor is currently provided free of charge to students in grades 3-12 who enrolled in the Raytown School District through the Family Support Services Department. Funding of this program is provided through the DESE Homeless Children and Youth Grant. This is a three year grant and \$12,500 is set aside for each of the next three years to provide 500 hours of tutoring annually.

How does FEVTutor work?

FEVTutor supports the program fully with a family engagement team, sending email reminders, encouraging students to sign up for regular sessions, receiving feedback from students at the end of each session, and providing Amazon gift cards when certain levels of tutoring hours are completed.

The program was rolled out in full force at the beginning of the second semester, with FEVTutor providing webinars for two key groups of stakeholders. The first group was Administrators, counselors, and social workers who are the gatekeepers of the confidential enrollment status of our families. The second group was teachers so they had a better understanding of what the program offered and how to connect their students' needs to the program for better results.

Below you will find three short segments of the webinars presented to staff to assist in better understanding of the platform and what students will see in the way of engagement with the program.

Logging in and scheduling a tutoring session

An overview of the tools and interface

Sample math tutoring lesson

How is the program going?

In the short term, the program is going as well as expected based upon the timeline of the rollout. Some students have utilized the program to its full potential by scheduling and participating in over 40 individual tutoring sessions. Others have elected to schedule set times to have on 'stand by' if they need assistance with their homework, with some of the sessions being utilized and at other times not using the session. The district is looking at ways to utilize the program to support summer learning, too.

Looking ahead to the next two years, it is expected to have many more students engaged and using hours. Family Support Services intends to incorporate more direct communication and conversation regarding the availability of FEVTutor to families at the time of enrollment. The process to notify teachers they have eligible students will be clarified and streamlined as well.