

TUTORING...WITH A TWIST

Frequently Asked Questions

How did Amber Scotchburn Training Consultants realize that a new training program, **TUTORING...WITH A TWIST**, was needed in the Oceanside area?

There is not another tutoring agency in the area which isn't to say there isn't a need as most families surveyed had researched tutoring options. Some chose to use the services of Nanaimo agencies, Kumon or Sylvan. Some were left stranded. We would like to address this need so no child is left stranded.

What is **TUTORING...WITH A TWIST**?

TUTORING...WITH A TWIST is a new training program devised to not only increase a students' **literacy** and **numeracy** levels but to also enhance their life skills. The Twist is that **life skills** is a component of each and every program, coupled with **project based programming** within a study group. We want to enhance what a student is already learning and provide them with tools for success beyond the classroom.

What are Life Skills?

The World Health Organization defines life skills as "abilities for adaptive and positive behaviour that enable individuals to deal effectively with the demands and challenges of everyday life". The psychosocial and interpersonal skills generally considered important to be able to be successful in life. In order to excel at a job, a sport or any discipline, a person must acquire and master these skills.

What are some examples of Life Skills?

In particular, life skills are a group of cognitive, personal and interpersonal abilities that help people make informed decisions, solve problems, think critically and creatively, communicate effectively, build healthy relationships, empathize with others, and cope with and manage their lives in a healthy and productive manner.

What is life skills based education (LSBE)?

The challenges children and young people regularly face are many, and require more than even the best numeracy and literacy skills. That is why 164 nations, under the United Nations Education sector (UNESCO), included "life skills" as a basic learning need for all young people. Around the world, Life Skills-Based Education (LSBE) is being adopted as a means to empower young people in challenging situations. LSBE refers to an interactive process of teaching and learning which enables learners to acquire knowledge and to develop attitudes and skills which support the adoption of healthy behaviours. It is a critical element in Amber Scotchburn Training program's definition of quality education.

What is project based learning (PBL)?

Project-based learning (PBL) provides complex tasks based on challenging questions or problems that involve the students' problem solving, decision making, investigative skills, and reflection that include teacher facilitation, but not direction. PBL is a different teaching technique that promotes and practices new learning habits.

How does PBL work?

Each project uses a pre-designed outline, which is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim, to create a unique result. Your child and you chose from our list of pre-designed projects. The tutor explains the project in detail, as well as each step of the project. The tutor also provides feedback as each step is completed.

Why PBL?

Really you should be asking why not! Your child has some choice in the projects; therefore, will feel more vested in the outcome. It's not a repeat of what they are already doing in school. It is tied into real life, there is legitimacy in doing it so it is not just another worksheet. It can be multi-subject targeted. There is a process in which a child gets to immediately see their results. With PBL, students learn from these experiences and apply them to their lives in the real world.

With a project, how are results measured?

Results are measured using the **S.M.A.R.T.** system:

Specific: Project chosen & outline given and explained.

Measurable: Project evaluation explained in relation to english, math & like skills.

Achievable: Each project will have a range of evaluation based on where your child is.

Realistic: Each child will be given a realistic realm of what to strive for.

Time terminated: There will be time lines given.

Why use the SMART way versus traditional testing?

Children get testing in school. Their testing can determine what grade level they are at, where they need help & how they are doing. In the world beyond the classroom, people are tested by begin given tasks to do not by traditional pen/paper tests. We are training people for success within and beyond the classroom. We want each child to determine their SMART way!

When and where are study groups held?

Programming is dependent upon your child's needs, please call for your free consultation. The classes are in Nanoose Bay. The online classes would be from wherever you are able to access a computer!

Why would I pay for a study group environment versus a one-on-one experience?

A study groups, consisting of no more than 8-10 students, can enhance a student's performance as they bring about changes in two ways: it forces students to alter their old ways of thinking and it changes their less effective patterns of behavior.

How do study groups enhance a student's performance?

Group study encourages students to ask and explain things aloud. By speaking to and listening to others, students recall ability is improved, their self-confidence for public speaking is enhanced and their ability to think outside their parameters is extended.

What do other tutoring agencies offer?

Traditionally tutoring is looked at sitting down with a student's homework and/or giving them worksheets to increase their competence in a particular area. We believe that is a band-aid solution, meaning that it will help in the moment but not for life. We guarantee success beyond the classroom.

Why choose TUTORING...WITH A TWIST?

Simply because your child will:

- enhance skills which are crucial to their every day life;
- advance in core subjects such as english & math;
- increase their communication skills in choosing a study group environment and/or increase their self-discipline in choosing the online option;
- have guaranteed success beyond the classroom;
- invest in themselves & have self-motivation through choosing their project;
- reap the rewards of developing organization & planning skills through our SMART approach to assessment.

How do I sign up for TUTORING...WITH A TWIST?

Call (250) 821-821-4 today for your FREE assessment. We guarantee success so what do you have to lose?