Nextcelerate

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Grades Served

☐ Pre-K

☒ Kindergarten

☒ 1st Grade

☒ 2nd Grade

☒ 3rd Grade

Format of Tutoring

☐ In-Person

☒ Hybrid (in-person and virtual

☐ Virtual (with qualified tutor)

Group Size

☒ 1:1 Tutoring

☒ Small Group Tutoring (2-4 Students)

When Tutoring Occurs

☒ During School Day

☒ Before School / After School

☒ Summer

☒ Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, Inservice Days

Languages Offered

English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Ga, Twi, Yoruba, French, Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Japanese, Jamaican Patois, German, Italian, Portuguese, Gujarati, Romanian, Croatian, Russian, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese

Overview of Services

Nextcelerate delivers high-impact early literacy support through a proven, three-part process that sets them apart: People, Process, and Technology.

People: Nextcelerate recognizes that the success of early literacy tutoring depends on tutors who are not only highly qualified, but also emotionally intelligent and skilled at working within school communities. Their partner, Framework, brings over 15 years of experience and a national network of 600+ tutors. Their rigorous, multi-step hiring process ensures that every tutor is equipped to meet the academic and interpersonal needs of young learners while seamlessly integrating into classroom environments.

Process: Tutors align with districts' curriculum and use existing student data to personalize instruction in phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary. Sessions are grounded in research-based strategies and guided by weekly progress monitoring to continuously adjust instruction for maximum impact.

Technology: Partnership with Pearl provides a secure, scalable platform that streamlines scheduling, data tracking, attendance, SEL inputs, and assessment. Real-time dashboards support transparency and collaboration between schools and tutors.

Together, their expertise in tutor recruitment, personalized instruction, and seamless program delivery creates a powerful system designed to help young readers thrive.

Tutor Background

☒ Current / Retired Teachers

☒ Paraprofessionals   ☒ Community Members

☒ Teacher Candidate   ☐ High School Students

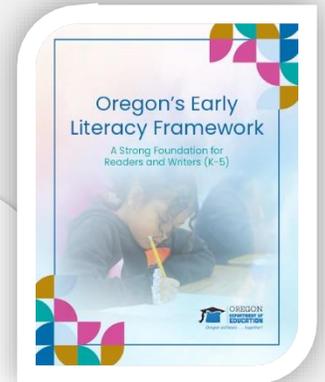☒ College Students   ☐ In the Process of Hiring

Alignment to Oregon's Early Literacy Framework

Nextcelerate's high-impact tutoring program aligns with Oregon's Early Literacy Framework by:

- Strengthening foundational skills through personalized, data-driven instruction
- Integrating grade-level standards
- Bridging knowledge gaps

Pre-service training includes "Identity, culture and equity in tutoring" and "Support language and literacy for multilingual students," which are nano courses that foster culturally responsive practices crucial for diverse learners. The program uses academic data and assessments for student selection and progress tracking, aligning with Framework's emphasis on identifying needs and monitoring growth.

Nextcelerate significantly contributes to educator capacity building through extensive pre-service and ongoing training, coaching, and a micro-credential program. This directly supports the goal of enhancing literacy instruction and professional development for educators.

Evidence of Impact

Lessons Learned: Tutoring in Henrico County

The experience over the past two years tutoring middle school math in Henrico County, Virginia has helped gather valuable insights into what makes a successful learning environment for students and how to better meet their unique needs.

Student Motivation and Engagement: One key takeaway is that students genuinely want to succeed, but their belief in the possibility of success plays a significant role. If they feel like they can succeed and that they are in a space designed for their growth, their motivation skyrockets. Students also have different views of tutoring. If tutoring is perceived as a punishment, students tend to disengage. On the other hand, when they feel tutoring is a benefit they've earned—something that will help them achieve their goals—they are much more cooperative and proactive. This requires careful communication and tutor training to ensure students understand the value of tutoring and how it can help them succeed.