

COUNT UP

MATH TUTORING

Count UP is a free after-school math tutoring program for K-12 students in Central Arkansas. Through this program, created by the Central Arkansas Library System and supported by the Walton Family Foundation, experienced tutors are matched with students to provide personalized support and guidance.

OUR PROGRAM

- One-on-one tutoring: personalized assistance for homework, building foundational math and study skills, and exploring student interests.
- Group tutoring hours: regular group study sessions to provide a welcoming, community environment for e-learners who might feel isolated from their peers
- 24/7 access to the Brainfuse HelpNow virtual learning platform, offering homework help, practice tests, fun games and challenges, and more!
- Access to supplemental resources, including assistance for families in using digital tools (English and Spanish), wi-fi and devices, college and career preparation, food support and more
- Weekly progress reports for parents including information on what students have achieved and what areas need more practice

OUR APPROACH

- Student-driven
- Standards- and research-based
- Engaging and adaptable
- Positive, creative, and focused on student growth

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be currently enrolled in K-12th grade
- Students live in or attend schools in Pulaski and Perry counties
- Students must have access to a computer or tablet with a stable internet connection and a video camera (assistance available as needed)



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OUR MISSION

CALS MISSION

The Central Arkansas Library System provides resources and services to help residents reach their full potential, and to inspire discovery, learning, and cultural expression.

COUNT UP MISSION

CALS Count UP provides mathematics tutoring, resources, and mentorship to Pulaski and Perry county students to improve academic outcomes and to empower, inspire, and engage students and their families in learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

VISION

Count UP aims to establish and nurture a diverse and mutually supportive community of K-12 students and tutors who achieve mathematics growth and are empowered to explore and pursue their academic and personal goals.

VALUES

1. We provide an engaging, open, adaptable, and safe learning environment.
2. We are patient, respectful, and creative learners and educators.
3. We recognize and nurture the diversity of talents, perspectives, and needs of our learners and educators.
4. We cultivate collaboration, innovation, and continual growth both internally and with external partners.



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OUR TOOLS

TUTORS, MENTORS & PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Our program offers one-on-one tutoring tailored to students, both for assistance with math homework and more intensive work on building math skills. We also offer virtual, drop-in, group tutoring in a college-style “office hours” format on weekday afternoons. Students can join these sessions just once or as often and for as long as they like to ask questions, work independently, and learn with peers.

DEVICES & CONNECTIVITY

The CALS Children’s Library & Learning Center has Chromebooks and hotspots available for families without access to high-speed internet or devices to participate in tutoring and eLearning. Older students are also welcome to use computers at any of our branches, though availability may be limited due to COVID-19 precautions. Please contact skherrera@cals.org to use these devices.

BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

Brainfuse HelpNow provides on demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning for all ages and levels. HelpNow offers personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies) including SAT preparation. Live tutors are available online from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. each day for direct assistance. HelpNow will support the new Count UP math tutoring program but also offers learning assistance in other subjects. Brainfuse HelpNow can be used for free by anyone with a CALS library card or a CALS student tech card.

BLUEPRINT SCHOOLS & THE CENTER FOR RISC

This fall, a new, virtual, math program that combines ALEKS (an online math education program) and tutor support from experienced math tutors is available for 6-8th grade students to support their academic growth during this uniquely challenging school year. This program is being offered by Blueprint Schools Network, a nonprofit organization with a 10-year track record of operating successful in-school, small-group math intervention, in partnership with the University of Chicago’s Center for RISC. Students will have the chance to learn with peers across the country and receive mentorship from tutors.



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We know that this year is challenging and unusual for everyone, on top of the normal school year stress. We want to make sure that your student has access to the resources and support necessary to achieve success in their current and future math classes. Please contact sherrera@cals.org for more information on these resources. Thanks to support from the Walton Family Foundation and our relationships with local partners, we are able to share resources that go beyond academic support:

CONNECTIVITY

- Free community wifi is available in the parking lots of Arkansas Children's Hospital locations in Downtown Little Rock, Southwest Little Rock, and Jonesboro.
- Wifi is also available at all CALS branches

TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

- Students and parents can receive assistance using devices and eLearning programs, including Brainfuse, through Count UP team members

FOOD SUPPORT

- CALS offers Grab & Go meals for youth at several branches through the Be Mighty program. Visit bemightylittlerock.org/meals/ to learn more.
- Information on and assistance applying for SNAP benefits is also available

ADDITIONAL TUTORING RESOURCES

- The LRSD is offering tutoring on weekday afternoons for LRSD elementary (4-7 p.m.), middle and high school students (5-8 p.m.) and English learners (2:30-4 p.m.)
- Bilingual support for students and parents is also available through LRSD & CALS
- Students also needing literacy and reading support can contact AR Kids Read



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