



ABOUT E.R.E.

Educate. Radiate. Elevate's purpose is to strengthen the educational achievement of underserved students by providing high-quality instruction from experienced tutors who will assist them with academics, enrichment, and test prep, as well as essential learning and life skills.

Meet Our Treasurer, Ramsey Merritt



Our treasurer, Ramsey, is a highly accomplished and committed team member with a background in both the public and commercial sectors. He earned a Journalism Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has worked for the New York Times in New York and in London. He is currently the Math Specialist at Oakwood Elementary School in North Hollywood. But wait, there's more! As a cyclist, bookworm, and an amazing friend, Ramsey is the complete package. There is no shortage of people with whom he can discuss his opinion on life. In addition, Ramsey's upbeat demeanor and can-do attitude make working with him a pleasure every day.

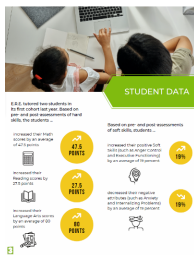
"I continue to be motivated by the fact that as one of the richest, most developed countries in the world we lag behind most other highly developed countries in nearly every educational statistic you can find. What drives me is the fact that kids have no say in this. They don't get to advocate for changes in the education system, and they certainly have no say in their personal socioeconomic status. So, it's actually easy to stay motivated for me because I can consistently show to do better for our children."
—Ramsey Merritt

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E.R.E. UPDATES

2021 Annual Report

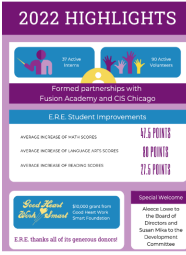
Find out more about our achievements from 2021.



[Click for the FULL report](#)

Highlights from 2022 so far

This spring has been a time of abundant growth for E.R.E.!



Read our recent Blogs for students, parents, educators, and more!

- [How to Begin Volunteering](#)
- [Healthy Habits for K-5](#)
- [Culturally Responsive Teaching](#)
- [Tutor Spotlight on Elisabeth](#)
- [Board Spotlight on Brittany Arneson](#)
- [Committee Spotlight on Cecilia Dika-Caldes](#)

Our students are seeing real results!

"The tutor has been a great resource, helping with main subjects and giving tools to stay organized."
—Parent of 12th grade student with Autism



"My daughter says it's making her feel smarter and more confident in math."
—Parent of 6th grade student in Chicago

We are excited for even more success in the second half of 2022!

RECENT NEWS IN EDUCATION



How education may change in a post-pandemic world
Publisher: Crosscut
Date: May 5, 2022

In the post-pandemic world, education may look quite different. For one thing, there may be more online learning as schools grapple with the possibility of further outbreaks of COVID-19. There could also be a greater emphasis on mental health and well-being as students and teachers deal with the pandemic's fallout. And in the wake of George Floyd's death and the resulting nationwide protests, there could be a renewed focus on racial justice issues in education. These are just some of the many potential changes that experts predict for education in the post-pandemic world. Of course, it's impossible to know exactly what the future will bring. But it's clear that the pandemic has had a profound impact on education.

What do you think the post-pandemic world will look like for education? How can we best support students through educational disruptions like pandemic school closures?

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Is Gov. Abbott pitting Texas parents against teachers? Education poised to be wedge issue
Publisher: The Dallas Morning News
Date: Jan 16, 2022

Governor Abbott's proposed Parental Bill of Rights would give parents more authority in their children's education, such as opting out of a certain curriculum and reviewing their children's records. Critics say that the bill would give parents too much power, ultimately leading to less accountability for schools. On the other hand, supporters of the bill argue that it would provide parents with the ability to make decisions about their children's education that are best for them.

What do you think about the Parental Bill of Rights? Do you think it would help or hinder our youth's education?

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E.R.E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Directors

We have 2 open seats with our Board of Directors that we would like to fill with professionals who have a connection with Texas. As a member of the Board of Directors, you will be assisting with the major decisions that will lay the foundation for our program. [Learn more!](#)

Fundraising Committee

We are searching for new members to join our dedicated fundraising team! As a member of our Fundraising Committee, you will play a significant role in our early phases of development and help ensure our sustainability for many years to come. [Join today!](#)

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteer ambassadors, interns, tutors, and operational professionals. As a member of Educate. Radiate. Elevate, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with a varied group of people and make a real difference in society. [Apply now!](#)

Donors

We must work together to achieve our objectives of educating equitably, radiating success, and elevating society. Your contribution will provide children from less fortunate backgrounds with the opportunity to succeed in school and beyond. [Become a donor today!](#)

Donate while also supporting an author with a mission

The world is pleading for change — we see it all around us, it is in everything we do. The change that we plead for must occur at our most impressionable level — our children. Building a positive image and respect for differences naturally weaves diversity into the landscape of children's everyday lives. It teaches emotional intelligence and empathy in a creative way. We Love One Another, Volume 1 focuses on race, residence, and beliefs, while respecting and valuing all people regardless of their sameness or differences. Buy this book for your children or gift it to someone else. A portion of your purchase will be donated to E.R.E.!



We will continue to keep you in the loop with updates about Educate. Radiate. Elevate, as well as about education, equity, community news, and the like. If you know someone who is also passionate about helping youth, supporting educational equity, and fostering community development, please forward them this newsletter so they can get it!

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