

2022 INSPIRING INSIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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.

A Spotlight on Our Secretary

Our outstanding Board Secretary, Viji, is an adept and committed team member with a background in the Cyber and Information Security Space. She earned two Masters degrees in India and worked on databases supporting a global company in the United States. Viji is a kind-hearted educational sponsor for kids and families because she is passionate for youth education and development. She experienced first-hand the benefits of tutoring throughout her high school and college years, and she believes education can make the world a better place for future generations.



"It is important to know one's strengths and development needs and maintain a positive mindset and willingness to learn the required skills. If one is focused and always delivers one's best, success will come someday."
—Viji Sripathi.

[Learn more about Viji here!](#)

E.R.E. Updates

Our Back-to-School Fundraiser: We raised \$1,886! This money will be used to directly support our tutoring programs this school year. A big thanks to everyone who donated, our generous sponsors, and those of you who were a part of our two livestreams. We could not have done this without you!

Highlights from 2022 so far: This summer has been a time of abundant growth for E.R.E.! See below for the details.

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2022 MILESTONES



Trained and employed 14 tutors in 6, 8, & 10



Worked with 155 volunteers providing 60 internships

Began tutoring 13 students for Fall Term!

E.R.E. is proud to announce that ...

With just 4 months of tutoring, our 15 students improved in MATH by up to the equivalent of 15 months of schooling, LANGUAGE ARTS by up to 19 months of schooling, and READING by up to 20 months of schooling.

On average, our students report a 10% decrease in anxiety, a 13% decrease in depression, and an 8+ % increase in self-esteem.



E.R.E. has received over \$100,000 for and hopes to raise another \$50,000 before the end of the year to sustain our rapid growth.

Blog

Composed 25 Blogs

E.R.E. thanks all of its generous donors!

Student Testimonials

"A major accomplishment I've achieved is probably increasing my writing and language skills. I started with a 40% after my first PSAT taken with the program and by the end, I increased my writing and language to an 87%."

10th grade student in Chicago

"Tutoring has made me more confident in math class. For example, when the teacher taught us a new lesson that my peers found difficult, I reached the lesson from my questions and it gave me more confidence in my skills."

10th grade student in Chicago

"The first three months have been great! My tutor is an excellent tutor and a very kind person to work with. I really appreciate her patience and assistance in both SAT prep and math homework."

10th grade student in Chicago

"My tutor has been a joy to work with. She explains things in a way that was easy for me to understand and has me do plenty of examples and practice to help me improve. She's an excellent tutor!"

10th grade student in Chicago

"My tutor was once again very patient and supportive, and has helped me feel more confident for my next quiz."

10th grade student in Chicago

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

Read our recent Blogs for students, parents, and educators:

Tips to Build Relationships with Students

Free Online Teaching Resources

Advantages of Online Learning Resources

Values of Reading Books

E.R.E. Announcements

Advisory Committee: This new committee is made up of parents, students, educators, and leaders in the communities of inner Chicago, DPH, and Houston. They provide a unique perspective of the students' needs, which E.R.E. highly values! To learn more, [email the Executive Director](#)

Fundraising team: 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!](#)

Recent News in Education

And now what? The question that follows Biden's student loan forgiveness plan
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President Biden's loan forgiveness plan has the potential to change the lives of millions of Americans today. But what about the many graduates who will still have thousands of dollars to pay off even after the relief? And what about the college graduates of the future? Is what about the first-time Black graduates, on average, over almost twice as much in loan-to-white graduates? Several people point out that the President's plan, while also in the right direction, is not a long-term fix and is instead putting a bandage on a gaping wound.

How should our government address the student debt crisis that is plaguing the youth of the United States?

Conservative backlash pushes Texas social studies curriculum review to 2025
Published: The Texas Tribune
Date: September 2, 2022

After a narrow vote, the Texas State Board of Education will not be updating its Social Studies curriculum for another three years. Proposed changes in the update included lessons on Native Americans, Asian Americans, and the gay pride movement. Proponents of the curriculum update argue that it makes history more inclusive. Opponents say that the bill will introduce Critical Race Theory into the classroom, though this has yet to be demonstrated. Texas Republicans hope this delay will allow them to place more conservative members on the State Board of Education before 2025.

What do you think the Texas state government should be doing to make sure that a more comprehensive and inclusive social studies curriculum is mandated?

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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 sign up!