



E.R.E. Spotlights

STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHTS

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AFTER JUST 4 MONTHS IN OUR PROGRAM:

- Mastery of Fractions improved by the equivalent of 3.5 years of schooling
- Functional Communication improved by 36%
- Mania reduced by 36%

- Mastery of Writing Strategies improved by the equivalent of 1.7 years of schooling
- Interpersonal Relations improved by 26%
- Hyperactivity reduced by 93%

- Mastery of Vocabulary improved by the equivalent of 1.2 years of schooling
- Activities of Daily Living improved by 31%
- ADHD Probability reduced by 31%

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR FUTURE SUCCESSES!

A Spotlight on Eric Johnson



Meet Eric Johnson, our Marketing Team Manager, and a key individual in helping further E.R.E.'s impact on society.

Eric majored in History and Secondary Education. His student teaching experience at an urban lower-income school contrasted with his first real teaching job at an upper-middle-class school, highlighting for him the importance of leveling the educational playing field to evoke lasting improvements in society.

After discovering teaching wasn't a good fit for him, he transitioned into marketing through E.R.E. as a way to blend his previous experiences with his future career. "I was looking for a way to carry my interest and knowledge in education into a new field. I saw Educate. Radiate. Elevate. and was interested as soon as I saw the name." Since starting as a Marketing Intern in July 2022, he was quickly promoted to his current role as volunteer Marketing Team Manager.

In his free time, Eric enjoys playing video games and the guitar. He and his childhood friends are still very close and like to go frisbee golfing, play board games, and relax around a bonfire.

To learn more about Eric, read his full spotlight [here](#).

E.R.E. Updates

We are absolutely ecstatic to share our latest updates with all of you!

This year we have already successfully onboarded 4 new tutors, have started tutoring 9 students for the Spring Term, and have been fortunate to work with 65 volunteers.

We look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

TESTIMONIALS

E.R.E. is impacting the lives of real people, creating a ripple effect to last for generations!

“ [My tutor] was great - very helpful and knowledgeable. I now have the ability to pass classroom tests and I have gained confidence to ask for help when needed. - 11th grader in Chicago IL

“ My daughter now has better time management. She is on top of her school schedule and is not late on any assignments. - Parent of 9th grader in Chicago IL

“ [My student] has made strides in Math. I have seen him quickly respond to my feedback when we're working on Math. - Tutor of 7th grader in Chicago IL

“ Being able to make a tangible difference in the lives of those who may not have access to quality education otherwise is incredibly rewarding and meaningful. - Intern for E.R.E.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

After just 4 months of tutoring, our students have improved up to the equivalent of 5.3 years of schooling!

2021-2024 Score Changes After 4 Months of Tutoring

Subject	Average Increase	Maximum Increase
Overall Math	59	225
Overall Language Arts	57	290
Overall Reading	82	530

NOTE: 100 points is equivalent to one entire grade level. This data is according to results from standards-aligned assessments by IXL.

Now in our 4th year of operation, we envision expanding our impact to work with more students, aiming for a 25% increase from last year. We strive to support more and more students through the power of education!

Read and share our recent Blogs for students, parents, educators, and changemakers!

- [Finding Your Career Path: A Guide](#)
- [Soft Skills in Education](#)
- [Study Habits to Teach Children](#)
- [Tackle Educational Disparities: The Imperative for Change](#)
- [Passive Fundraising Ideas](#)

E.R.E. Announcements

Student Nominations: We are accepting student nominations for our summer term. Anyone can nominate a student - parents, coaches, teachers, or students. The deadline is 5/15 but it's on a first come first service basis with limited spots - so be sure to [nominate a student](#) today!

Volunteers: We are looking for volunteer [ambassadors](#), [interns](#), [tutors](#), and [professionals](#). We currently have an urgent need for a [volunteer Website Editor](#). As a volunteer for Educate. Radiate. Elevate. you will have the opportunity to gain valuable skills, collaborate with a varied group of people, and use your expertise to make a real difference in society. [Apply now!](#)

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

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

[Why You Should Stop Texting Your Kids At School](#)

*U.S. News
March 10, 2024*

Teachers argue that parents' text messages to their kids during school create distractions and mental health issues. They say over-reliance on texts fosters anxiety, reduces independence, and prevents problem-solving skills. On-campus solutions include collecting phones at the beginning of each class and turning off notifications. Furthermore, experts advise family members against sending non-urgent texts during school hours. Educators emphasize the need for parental cooperation in matters like this.

What strategies do you think schools can implement to minimize distractions caused by texting?

[Texas children are still struggling with math after the pandemic. Some schools are trying a new approach.](#)

*The Texas Tribune
January 5, 2024*

Many students continue to struggle with math post-pandemic, prompting new approaches in Dallas schools. For instance, Eureka Math curriculum was used to emphasize conceptual understanding over test performance. However, despite slight score increases, many students still are not at grade level, raising concerns for future workforce readiness. Teacher shortages pose additional challenges to student catch-up efforts, highlighting the need for innovative solutions and collaborative learning methods.

What do you think is the biggest obstacle to improving math proficiency in Texas schools?



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