

# Peer Tutoring 2020-2021

## Frequently Asked Questions



**APPLICATIONS will be available on the school website [here](#) starting Monday, January 13. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY Wednesday, Feb 5 @ 3:00pm. Hard copies of the application are available in room 1124 and will be distributed during the LS 4 Curriculum Fair on Tuesday.**

### What is the Peer Tutoring course?

Peer Tutoring is a selective elective open to 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students that will entail an in-depth study of how people learn. Students will receive intensive training in how to use effective tutoring techniques to help their fellow WSHS students in the Peer Tutoring Center. Students will investigate how individuals build literacy skills, understand concepts, and acquire knowledge across the disciplines. Students will become experts on analyzing problems and processing information as it relates especially to math and sciences. Students in Peer Tutoring 1, 2, and 3 work together to manage and staff the Peer Tutoring Center. Tutors are also responsible for various managerial tasks such as planning workshops, record-keeping, designing commercials/posters, and communicating with staff.

### What qualities do peer tutors have?

- A sincere and genuine desire to help peers – kindness and compassion
- Dependability
- Personal responsibility, excellent time management, self-motivation and self-direction
- Comfort in communicating with peers and adults
- Interest in helping others figure out an answer rather than telling someone an answer
- Advanced critical thinking in one or more of the following disciplines:
  - **English** – ability to write effectively, utilize the revision process, and read texts closely and analytically
  - **Math and problem-solving** – ability to approach problems in a logical way and utilize a step-by-step process to achieve a goal
  - **Science** – ability to understand scientific concepts and the scientific method
  - **Social Studies** – ability to learn about historical events or historical periods and analyze them
  - **World Languages** – ability to write, read, speak, and listen effectively in a language other than English

### What do I get from being a peer tutor?

- **Recognition** – You will gain distinction as a WSHS peer tutor, especially since so few high schools have a program like ours. Peer Tutoring is a great resume boost and looks good on college applications.
- **Training** – All students selected to be tutors will have the unique opportunity to learn about knowledge acquisition. This course is especially relevant for students entering a helping profession such as teaching, counseling, or medicine, but can help build skills for other fields as well.
- **Improved Academic and Study Skills** – As you help others problem-solve and learn, you will see tremendous benefits in your own academic work. You can also make an appointment with another tutor when you are “off duty.”