

# Whiz Kids Tutoring Fact Sheet

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## MISSION

To improve the well being of disadvantaged youth through academic tutoring, positive relationships and spiritual nurturing.

## HISTORY

- Twenty years old
- 501(c)3
- Since its inception Whiz Kids has matched over 9000 trained tutors with over 9000 students



## WHAT IS WHIZ KIDS?

- One-on-one tutoring
- 42 sites throughout the Denver Metro area
- Located mainly in urban churches
- Tutoring elementary and middle school kids
- Whiz Kids<sup>2</sup> is our middle school program



## TEAMWORK

- Part of Denver's Road Home, the Mayor's 10 year plan to end homelessness and the Youth Mentoring Collaborative
- Working with schools in the Denver, Aurora, and Jefferson and Littleton school districts
- Each site has a Liaison Teacher assigned from the local school
- Impact Partner with Mile High United Way



## TUTORS

- Come from over 150 different churches and many denominations throughout the Denver Metro area
- Almost 800 volunteer tutors, and over 70 key volunteer leaders
- Tutor commitment is for one school year
- Whiz Kids tutor retention is 95% and our re-upping rate (those who return after their one year commitment) is 63%



## WHO IS OUR TARGET?

- The target for Whiz Kids is schools and kids scoring low on CSAP
- Schools with a large percentage of kids on a free or reduced lunch program



## WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR THE WHIZ KIDS TUTORS?

- Orientation & Training seminars
- Comprehensive tutoring manual
- On-site support by a Coordinator and Whiz Kids Field Director, and a Liaison Teacher from a partnering school



## WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR EACH SITE?

- Books & educational materials
- Snacks for kids
- Club time - spiritual values
- Sense of community



## HOW DOES WHIZ KIDS ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE?

1. In order to ensure that this separation is maintained, there is a legal separation between the tutoring portion of Whiz Kids and the spiritual values side of club.
2. Parents are required to give signed permission for their child to attend the tutoring portion of Whiz Kids. Parents must also sign a **separate** form if they elect to have their child attend and participate in the club time portion of Whiz Kids. This is the choice of the parent and child.



## HOW EFFECTIVE IS WHIZ KIDS?

- In 2009 -2010 DPS statistics show an 11% gain in reading proficiency for students in Whiz Kids, compared to only a .3% increase for kids in similar demographics not involved in Whiz Kids.
- Tony Campbell of America's Promise called Whiz Kids one of the top three faith-based tutoring programs in the United States
- Whiz Kids tutoring is being copied in 11 other states in the U.S.



## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Whiz Kids annual budget is \$500,000