What is SCHEV?

The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) is the Commonwealth's coordinating body for higher education. SCHEV was established by the Governor and General Assembly in 1956. Its mission is to promote the development and operation of an educationally and economically sound, vigorous, progressive, and coordinated system of higher education.

SCHEV@ODU Collaboration

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB Act), Title II, Part A, Improving Teacher Quality State Grants, Old Dominion University is collaborating with Portsmouth Public Schools and NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, to build teacher capacity in middle and elementary schools by strengthening core content area knowledge-base and strategies for effective delivery of information in Science and content area reading strategies for teachers and teacher-leaders. The project aims at teacher capacity by focusing on professional development, sustained on-site classroom-based support, and mentorship programs for teachers and students.

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Integrating Reading & Science into the Core Area for Teachers Grades 4-8

Student Mentor-Tutor Guide
What is a SCHEV mentor-tutor?

SCHEV mentor-tutors work between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, depending on their individual schedules. They are expected to dress acceptably and act in a professional manner. Mentor-tutors are required to account for hours worked via a sign-in/sign-out sheet. Tutoring schedules are at the discretion of the tutor and teacher. A copy of the tutoring schedule is filed with the project director. The last day of mentor-tutoring is the last day of the elementary or middle school (usually in June).

What are the responsibilities of a SCHEV mentor-tutor?

- Working one-on-one or in small groups with an assigned child or children on Science and Reading skills
- Establishing a positive learning environment
- Acting as a learning partner, committed to the social and academic growth of the child
- Demonstrating professionalism

What are NOT the responsibilities of a SCHEV mentor-tutor?

- Assisting teachers with administrative work
- Assisting students with homework
- Substituting for teachers
- Participating in meetings with the school staff
- Making up sessions missed by the child
- Running errands

What are the responsibilities of a teacher in whose class a SCHEV mentor-tutor is placed?

- Providing a safe space for the mentor-tutor and child to work
- Informing students about the mentor-tutor’s role
- Being aware of the mentor-tutor’s schedule for classroom visits
- Acquainting the mentor-tutor with the school’s resources
- Informing the mentor-tutor ahead of time if a child is going to miss a scheduled session (as able)
- Maintaining an open line of communication with the mentor-tutor and program coordinator
- Completing evaluation questionnaires as needed to help improve the program