

WE ARE STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS

NCVPS Peer Tutoring Center

Below, you will find a [list of the services](#) the Peer Tutoring Center offers. The expected time commitment is about 5 hrs per week on average. Let your NCVPS teacher know if you are interested in volunteering or if you have questions.

Peer Tutoring is content support to meet students' specific needs. This service is available via a web-based program, Brainfuse. During the Peer Tutor Orientation, Peer Tutors will set up their Brainfuse profiles including their availability schedule. Tutors may set their own hours but are expected to be available according to their schedule. Students will be able to view these schedules and book time with the tutors. A message will be sent to notify the Peer Tutor when a session is scheduled and a reminder will also be sent when the session time approaches. Upon completion of the session each party, Peer Tutor and student, will complete an evaluation of the session. Tutor evaluations will accumulate as "star" ratings that will boost them to the top of the tutor lists!!

Watch this [video](#) to hear what a Peer Tutor has to say about what Peer Tutoring is.

Virtual Buddies are available to select students who have agreed to work with a Virtual Buddy in order to be more successful in their online classes. Some volunteers may indicate an interest in only this program and will not be expected to tutor unless they desire to participate as a Peer Tutor as well. The purpose of this service is to be a Virtual Buddy and assist students with time management, motivation, and encouragement. Virtual Buddies contact an assigned student at least two times a week and will hopefully be the student's inspiration to be engaged and to attempt all work in the course they are taking. Virtual Buddies will not be expected to work with more than 3-5 students at one time. For a better idea of what it means to be a Virtual Buddy, watch this [video](#) from our very first Virtual Buddy, Felecia.

English Language Learner Center is specialized support for ELL students within the Virtual Buddy program. Students may come directly to Brainfuse (Peer Tutoring Center from the topic list, English Language Learner from the subject list) for these services or be referred by their NCVPS instructor or school personnel. The ELL Tutor will work one on one with the student to

assist them in achieving success in all of their courses. ELL Tutors may be asked to assist with translating between student, teacher, and parent. ELL Tutors may also be asked to provide support and information to ELL parents. Training will be provided. Learn more about the program from Sheila. [ELL Center](#)

[College & Career Readiness Services](#) is dedicated to helping students prepare for college, excel in high school, and expand their horizons by providing resources and information that enables them to go the extra mile in their extracurriculars and academics.

We also help students with the college application process and provide resources for every grade level.

If you have ever had any questions about preparing for college or how to get an edge in high school, look no further than the College Readiness Service in Brainfuse (Peer Tutoring Center from the topic list, College & Career Readiness from the subject list) for guidance.

[Student Research Alliance](#) is a unique opportunity for high school students to conduct original research on topics of interest related to NCVPS courses. The goal of the program is to provide a platform for innovation and to create resources for students to deepen their understanding of specific course content. Selected research fellows will engage in a dynamic research process that involves collaborating with peers and instructors. Each student will be paired with a teacher to mentor them in their chosen subject area. Members of the Student Research Alliance will meet virtually to discuss the progress of their projects. However, each study will be conducted independently: students will be expected to acquire and evaluate research materials and sources on their own. At the conclusion of their study, each student will write a formal research paper in MLA format that details their findings. Throughout the program, students will gain invaluable research experience that will benefit them in college and beyond.

AP Initiative Services is a support system for AP teachers and AP students to utilize our AP tutors in Brainfuse to increase student understanding of AP concepts and to receive additional help and support in our Brainfuse tutoring platform. AP students can benefit from our Brainfuse Send Question and Brainfuse Tutoring as our AP tutors assist AP teachers and students in their AP experiences and AP preparation and review for their coursework and exams.

Writing Center Resources & Brainfuse Writing Lab. Students will submit writing projects as they schedule time with a tutor in Brainfuse. Volunteers will provide peer editing and suggestions via Brainfuse. Training is provided in the PTC Training Course.

Tech Support is our developing service which will provide asynchronous support for troubleshooting hardware and software issues as well as tutorials on Web 2.0 tools in our Peer Tutoring Center Canvas Course. This service also has a synchronous element as a live tech help desk within Brainfuse.

TutorTalk is a tutor written blog. Each of our volunteers will be encouraged to contribute one or more articles that might help students be successful in an online class. Tutors don't have to be great writers because we have a fabulous student editor who will help you polish the article before it is published in our Blog. This is a great item to include on a resume, a published writer. You can see some of the published articles at <http://ncvpspeertutor.blogspot.com/> In this video, Amy, a former TutorTalk Editor, talks about her [experiences with TutorTalk](#).

[Culture Cafe](#) and [IworkNCVPS](#) are looking for students who can work behind the scenes to create promotional graphics and facilitate live sessions.

Other volunteers are also needed to support the Peer Tutoring Center. Students with organizational and time management skills are needed to help streamline processes. Students with multimedia and graphic design experience are needed to support our marketing efforts. We welcome all volunteers with initiative and a desire to help others succeed in the online learning environment.