

Q and A for Students

What tutoring services are available at The Needham Community Council?

- Our volunteer tutors provide one-to-one tutoring and lead conversation groups in English as a Second Language (ESL).

Who can participate?

- Anyone who is 18 or older who work or live in Needham.

How much does it cost?

- All of our ESL programs and activities are free.

How does a student apply for a tutor?

- Fill out a [Student Application](#) online or at the Needham Community Council.

Is there a wait list before students are matched with tutors?

- Generally students wait several months before they receive a call to meet with us. At that meeting we will talk about your goals and interests. We will match you with a tutor as soon as a one is available.

How long do students work with a tutor?

- We ask that students and tutors generally meet at least an hour weekly for nine months. Of course you and your tutor can take vacations!

When do students and tutors meet?

- It depends on your schedule. Students can meet with tutors in the morning, afternoon, evening, or weekends depending on availability.

Where does the tutoring take place?

- At the Needham Community Council and at the Needham Public Library.

Do you offer conversation groups and classes?

- Yes, we offer conversation groups and classes that start each fall, winter, spring, and summer season.

How big are the conversation groups and classes?

- There are generally 10 people that are accepted in each group or class.

How many tutors and students are currently in the program?

- We have about 100 tutors and students working together.

Who do I contact with questions?

- Sandy Robinson is available at the Needham Community Council on weekdays from 9am to 4:30pm at 781-444-2415.