

Where to Tutor??

The Official TLC Guide

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As a TLC tutor, you have a wide variety of options when it comes to finding a place to meet with your child. While this may not seem important, the venue you choose plays a key role in a successful tutoring session. Here are some options on campus that are ideal for meeting with your on-campus students; keep in mind that you can change the location to fit the needs of each child. For some children, privacy is key. They may be self-conscious about their reading/math abilities and will not want other people to see and hear them working. Others can work in a lot of different places and still focus. It's important, though, to make sure that the place you choose is appropriate for kids and quiet enough for both you and your child. That means no tutoring at Brown & Brew AND absolutely NO TUTORING IN THE DORMS!

TISCH LIBRARY:



This is the place most TLC tutors have chosen historically. While there is nothing wrong with Tisch, tutoring in the main area isn't ideal, because your child will be forced to whisper. It is important that your child feels comfortable, and when he/she is worrying about keeping the volume down, it may actually be detrimental to learning. If it's available, take them to one of the available private study rooms, which are located in the back of the first and second floors, as well as by the restrooms in the basement. (These rooms also have whiteboards

GRANOFF MUSIC CENTER:

On the ground floor past the ticket booth and restrooms, there is a small enclave of tables. Other than muffled background music, which many kids will not find distracting, it is a great place to tutor your child.





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This uphill option is sometimes being used for events, but otherwise, it's a large and quiet space to tutor. If you go through the main entrance to Olin Hall, it will be on the ground floor right in front of you.

MAYER CAMPUS CENTER:

The campus center is full of places to tutor your child—some of them among the best on campus. First, go to the OCL office next to the ATMs (during the day) or the booths (after hours) and ask if they have a meeting room available. If they do, you give them your Tufts ID and voila! These rooms are great because they're quiet and private, with HUGE white or black boards. If no rooms are available, the second floor tables are a good backup option. The commons, Hotung, and the Rez may or may not be too loud/distracting, depending on the time.



OTHER PLACES:

If your major/research gives you access to other parts of campus, you may want to explore those options, too. An ideal room is quiet, has a door you can shut for privacy, and has at least 1 table, 2 chairs, and a white or black board. For example, I do research at 200 Boston Ave, which is often more convenient for me, and happens to be closer to my child's house. His mom drops him off there, and in the late afternoons, the conference rooms are open—which means we have a huge room to ourselves, as well as a floor-to-ceiling white board. He loves it and is always focused when we meet there!