

HOW TO END TUTORING

You may feel unsure about the best way to handle separation from a student when tutoring comes to an end, either because you are not returning to tutor or because you know your student is going to be matched with a new tutor. The following are suggestions for bringing to a close what has often become a close, working relationship with your student.

1. Remind your student on the next-to-last session about the upcoming ending. You might want to give your student an opportunity to make suggestions for things to do during the last session.
2. If tutoring in-person, clean out your student's box together. Recycle any unwanted papers and return library books to the materials cart. Your student should take home any desired papers/materials that do not belong to Star. Any papers left in the box will be discarded.
3. Don't expect your student to always respond as you anticipate with appropriate words or feelings. Some students won't grasp the meaning of ending tutoring until it is over and you are gone. Occasionally they will show resentment that they won't be meeting with you again, while others may seem not to care. Don't take this personally if it occurs: many children/youth may not realize how connected to you they really are, or they don't know how to express their feelings. If you notice signs of your student being upset, you could talk about what each of you will be doing for summer/in the fall—Sometimes it's easier to say goodbye when you have a mental picture of what the other will be doing.
5. Most importantly, your student should leave knowing how much you enjoyed being their tutor and how well they did. Leave the child feeling positive about their learning ability and moving on to the next step in school. Let them know that you will remember your time together!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION!