



The award-winning **Project STEP-UP (Student Tutoring Effort to Promote Utilization of Potential)** initiative, founded in 1988, has provided school- and community-based academic tutoring and mentoring to K-12 students throughout the Cleveland area. Both volunteer and paid work-study students from CWRU serve as tutors for the program and agree to tutor at least one semester. Currently, Project STEP-UP provides support to Bolton Elementary School, Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School, and Cleveland Early College High School on the John Hay Campus, as well as other Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) and East Cleveland City Schools test sites.

Program Components

- **Tutor training:** Partner with leaders in CWRU's Emerging Scholars Program to identify, develop, and engage students to tutor in areas of Cleveland that are in greatest need of support.
- **Tutoring students:** Provide direct tutoring support in math, reading, and English for East Cleveland and CMSD students.
- **Teacher professional development:** Coordinate with partner schools to provide in-service training on literacy and mathematics interventions.
- **Academic and cultural partnerships:** Connect partner schools with opportunities for collaborations at CWRU and in the larger community.

Project STEP-UP Impact

- **Founding partner** of the Saturday Tutoring Program at Church of the Covenant in 1990.
- **More than 100 books and supplies** provided to youth and families in need over the summer 2024.
- **More than 30 undergraduate and graduate tutors and support personnel** were placed in CMSD and East Cleveland communities in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- **More than 800 students were served** in CMSD and East Cleveland partner schools in the 2024-2025 academic year.
- **Provided more than 100 hours of federal and non-federal work study-funded tutoring** for CMSD and East Cleveland partners in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Learn more about Project STEP-UP



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