

The Cost? Free

There is no financial cost to parents or families of participating students. All materials are provided.

Our Space



Our tutoring center is located behind a “secret” entrance in our store. In the store, we sell “wizardry” items and our students’ literary creations. In our tutoring center, we have books, games, and a safe learning environment for our students.

Who We Are

Wizard's Wardrobe is the operating name of South End Neighborhood Tutors, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code and a registered charity in New York State.

Our Board of Directors includes:

- Eric Fagans, President
- Bruce Brynolfson, Treasurer
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**Promoting Literacy for
First-Third Grade
Students through Free,
After-School, One-on-
One Tutoring**

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD
TUTORS, INC.

20 Rensselaer St.
Albany, NY 12202



Our Program

Wizard's Wardrobe is a free, one-on-one, after-school tutoring program for 1st-3rd grade students in Albany's South End neighborhood. Our focus is on reading and writing skills. Students are welcome to continue with the program through elementary school.

Wizard's Wardrobe is located at 20 Rensselaer St., one block from Giffen Elementary School. Giffen students are escorted there one or two days a week. We are open 2-5:30 pm. Other students will need to be dropped off. A tutoring session lasts 1-1½ hours. We hope students can come twice a week.

Wizard's Wardrobe grew out of a

Partnership between Giffen Elementary School and First Presbyterian Church. It is based on a nationally recognized tutoring model developed by 826 National Organization. Most have a theme intended to encourage student interest and enthusiasm. Our theme is "reading is magic".

How to Apply

- Call 518-414-4978 for an application or information.
- Arrange a visit during the school year.
- Visit our website (www.wizardwardrobe.org/application).

Our program is an enrichment opportunity, not a replacement for school.

Parent Support Encouraged

A student's family must be committed. We need your help!

- Regular attendance expected.
- Prompt pick-up.
- Reading to children.
- Disciplinary support, if required.
- Attend an orientation.

Tutors

Our tutors are volunteers. They come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Their common characteristic is commitment.



All tutors go through a multi-faceted training program developed collaboratively with the Capital District Teachers Center. They are thoroughly screened before tutoring. Supplemental training opportunities are offered monthly.

Location

