

# SENSATIONAL INCLUSION TUTORING GUIDE



Welcome to Sensational Inclusion. At Sensational Inclusion, we are proud to champion the creation of sensory-friendly and culturally sustaining educational ecosystems. Our unwavering commitment ensures that learning is accessible, engaging, and meaningful for every student, especially those with autism, ADHD, developmental differences, and other unique geniuses.

Our mission is to intricately weave culturally sustaining pedagogies with sensory-friendly approaches into the very fabric of our services. By doing so, we aim to cultivate learning environments and curriculums that not only accommodate but also celebrate the rich diversity of learner needs and backgrounds.

At the heart of our services is our tutoring program, designed with the understanding that every student's learning journey is uniquely their own. Our one-on-one tutoring sessions transcend traditional academic support; they are a gateway to a world where learning differences are not just recognized but celebrated

Thank you for choosing Sensational Inclusion! We are deeply grateful for your support and eagerly look forward to embarking on this transformative journey together.

Stay Sensational,

Dr. Tyana Velazquez-Smith, Founder/CEO

# Welcome!



Meet Tyana Velazquez-Smith (Ms. Tyana for short!). As a former kindergarten and special education teacher, my practice is deeply rooted in supporting students with diverse needs. Being an autistic educator myself, I am passionately committed to pushing our educational ecosystems to reimagine access and equity within the classroom. My expertise shines in collaborating with teachers, school leaders, and families to forge equitable educational ecosystems that nurture the learning of ALL learners, at ALL times.


I founded Sensational Inclusion driven by a deep-seated desire to meld equity-centered and sensory-friendly approaches, ensuring every student is seen, heard, and supported. This mission is more than just my profession; it's a calling that I am profoundly grateful to pursue alongside a community that shares this vision. Thank you for your unwavering support in this transformative journey.

Together, we are sensational!



# Our Methodology

Our methodology is rooted in a comprehensive approach that combines foundational literacy skill development with play-based literacy activities, alongside explicit instruction. Here's how we'll teach:


- **Foundational Literacy Skills:** The core of our teaching focuses on foundational literacy skills. This includes strategies for decoding words, which is essential for reading unfamiliar words by breaking them down into sounds. Letter-sound identification is another key area, helping students to recognize the sounds that letters make, an essential step towards fluent reading.
  - **Play-Based Literacy Learning Activities:** To ensure that learning is engaging and effective, we incorporate play-based activities tailored to literacy learning. These activities are designed to reinforce the foundational skills in a fun and interactive way, promoting active participation and deep learning.
  - **Direct and Explicit Instruction:** Our teaching includes direct and explicit instruction in literacy skills. This means we provide clear, straightforward explanations and demonstrations of reading and writing concepts. This approach ensures students understand the 'how' and 'why' behind their learning, making it easier for them to apply these skills independently.
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Multisensory Instruction: A key component of our teaching methodology is multisensory instruction. This approach goes beyond traditional teaching techniques by engaging multiple senses simultaneously—sight, hearing, touch, and movement.

Here's how we incorporate each sense into our learning activities:

- Sight: Visual aids, color-coded materials, and written words help students connect visual information with language.
  - Hearing: Phonemic awareness activities, rhymes, and auditory drills enhance the connection between sounds and their meanings.
  - Touch: Tactile experiences, such as tracing letters and building words with letter tiles, reinforce the physical aspect of reading and spelling.
  - Movement: Kinesthetic activities, like forming letters in the air or stepping on letter mats, involve the body in the learning process.
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# Accommodations

Central to our educational philosophy is the belief that every child deserves a tailored learning experience, irrespective of whether they have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or not. At Sensational Inclusion, we are committed to providing all children with the necessary scaffolding, continuous feedback, and varied levels of support they need to thrive.

Our approach ensures that every learner, regardless of their formal educational assessments, is seen, valued, and given equitable opportunities for growth and success.

We recognize and respect the unique learning journey of each child. If your child has an IEP and you wish to share it with us, we welcome this information as a valuable resource to further customize our teaching strategies to meet their specific needs. However, please note that in this space, an IEP is not required to receive an individually-designed and high-quality learning experience.

Our commitment is to ensure that every child, with or without an IEP, benefits from our educationally just and responsive practices, which are designed to foster learning, curiosity, and the joy of discovery in a supportive and inclusive environment








# Communication

Creating inclusive and equitable educational environments hinges on open and effective communication. At Sensational Inclusion, we prioritize establishing strong connections—not only with the students we serve but also with their broader support network. This includes their teachers, therapists, and any other key figures who contribute to each child's circle of care and academic success.

Equally important is our communication with you, the child's direct caregiver(s). Following each tutoring session, we are committed to providing you with detailed feedback. This includes an overview of the strategies employed during the session, the specific skills covered, and suggestions on how learning can be extended and reinforced at home. Our goal is to keep you informed and engaged in your child's educational journey, empowering you to support their development effectively.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [sensationalinclusion@gmail.com](mailto:sensationalinclusion@gmail.com). We are here to support you and your child in every way possible!






# Tutoring Payment Options

At Sensational Inclusion, we strive to provide flexible and convenient payment options for our tutoring services. Below are the following options available.

## Payment Options:

- **Per Session:** Each tutoring session is billed at \$80. Payments are due on a weekly basis, prior to each scheduled session.
  - **Payment Methods:** We accept Venmo transactions without any additional charges. For those preferring to use credit cards, please note that a processing fee of 3.5% will be applied to your payment.
  - **Bulk Payment Options:**
    - **Pay-as-You-Go:** You may opt to pay for each session individually at the rate of \$80 per session.
    - **Half Upfront:** Alternatively, you can choose to pay \$400 upfront for the first five sessions, with the remaining \$400 due at the start of the sixth session, covering the full 10-session cycle.
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# Cancellation Policy

## **Cancellation Policy**

At Sensational Inclusion, we recognize that life is unpredictable and sometimes, unforeseen circumstances may arise that require you to cancel a tutoring session at short notice. While we generally request at least 24 hours' notice for cancellations to offer the opportunity for another student to fill the slot, we also understand that not all situations provide the luxury of a day's warning.


## **Grace Period for Emergencies:**

To accommodate the unexpected, we are pleased to offer a grace period that allows for up to 2 emergency cancellations without penalty, should you need to cancel with less than 24 hours' notice. We hope this policy provides some peace of mind and flexibility, understanding that sometimes, life just happens.

## **Cancellation Fee After Grace Period:**

After the usage of the 2 emergency cancellations, any further cancellations with less than 24 hours' notice will incur the regular session fee of \$80. This fee will need to be settled prior to the next scheduled session.

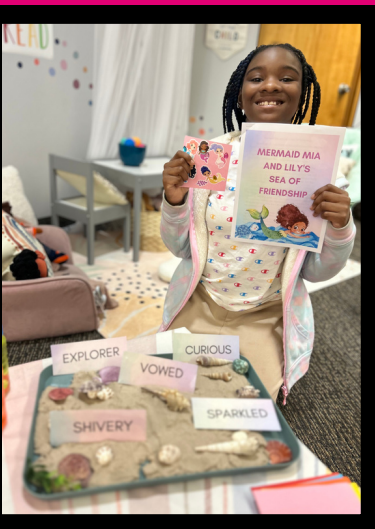
Our aim with this policy is not only to maintain fairness and consideration for all involved but also to ensure that we can continue delivering high-quality, personalized tutoring services to all our students.





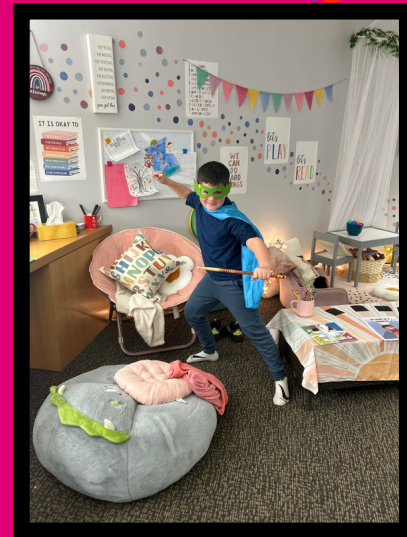


# Testimonials



Sensational Inclusion transformed my daughter's attitude towards reading by infusing joy and playfulness into learning. Initially hesitant, she now eagerly attends every session. Previously labeled as not a "reader" by her school, their nurturing approach helped her become a confident, grade-level reader who always has a book in hand and applies the strategies they taught her effectively.

-Amanda C, Rochester NY



My son cannot wait for his time with Ms. Tyana. I never knew a child could love going to tutoring so much. He looks forward to each session and he leaves feeling so confident. He also loves how Ms. Tyana teaches reading skills through all of his special interests.

-Erin B, Rochester NY

My son once dreaded reading, but now he looks forward to his sessions at Sensational Inclusion and cherishes his reading time. His progress has been remarkable, catching up to his peers and developing a genuine love for books. Sensational Inclusion transformed reading from a chore into a gateway to worlds of imagination and knowledge.

Linda F, Penfield NY



Sensational Inclusion and Ms. Tyana are beyond exceptional, a perfect 15/10! My daughter, who is on the spectrum, was struggling with reading comprehension and fluency, and needed an approach tailored to her unique learning style. Ms. Tyana has been phenomenal, using scaffolding techniques that build her skills without overwhelming her. Worth every penny!

Katrina G, Rochester NY





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