

# Education News & Notes

## Students Go Online For Personal Tutoring

(NAPSA)—The trend toward standardized testing, coupled with parents' desires to give their children a competitive edge in school, has fueled a demand for tutors and tutoring services.

Forty-five percent of parents are more likely to hire a tutor for their child today than they were in the past, according to a recent study conducted by Opinion Research Corp.

A private tutor that comes to your home is one option, but it can be hard to find a tutor that fits into the family's schedule and has the proper academic credentials.

Many parents also question leaving their child alone with a tutor when they are not at home. This can be a concern no matter how convenient the at-home tutoring service is or how qualified the tutor may be.

With this in mind, it's no wonder that parents are looking to the Internet for new ways to engage their children in learning and improve their grades in school.

Seventy-nine percent of parents say they are likely to use the Internet to assist in their child's academic performance.

"The Internet is an excellent resource for parents seeking academic assistance for their children," states Pat Hoge, executive director of education and curriculum development for eSylvan, which offers personalized, Web-based tutoring in reading and math by state-certified teachers. "In many cases, an online tutor, who can engage a child's interest in learning and provide individualized assistance from the convenience and safety of home, may be what the student needs."



**Online learning not only improves a child's academic skills, it can help boost self-confidence.**

eSylvan teachers and students use the latest Internet technology that allows continuous two-way audio dialogue, which is much like talking on the telephone. They also write questions and answers, which are displayed on both the students' and teachers' computer screens, using a digital pencil and digital writing pad (similar to a mousepad). eSylvan is the only supplemental education provider to hold academic accreditation.

"eSylvan provides parents with an online learning option that not only improves their child's academic skills, but helps boost their child's self-confidence as well," adds Hoge. "Best of all, eSylvan sessions take place from the privacy of home, so children need not feel embarrassed about working with a tutor to catch up."

To learn more, visit [www.esylvan.com](http://www.esylvan.com) or call 1-877-eSylvan.