

# Governor Mifflin School District

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## **GOVERNOR MIFFLIN HIGH SCHOOL INTRODUCES PEER TUTORING PROGRAM**

SHILLINGTON, PA, NOVEMBER 2011 - Governor Mifflin High School has launched a new peer tutoring program this year, under the direction of Response to Instruction and Intervention Coordinator, Ms. Angela Dennis. Piloted last year, the program allows students to tutor their peers in the subjects of mathematics, science, social studies and English during homeroom and study hall periods. The tutoring takes place in the Learning Resource Center, a designated tutoring space established in the school by Ms. Dennis.

Interested students attended a training session with Ms. Dennis in September. Tutors must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and have no unexcused absences or disciplinary actions throughout the school year. To date, the program has 15 peer tutors and 50 students who have requested tutorial assistance.

In the framework of the district's K-12 Response to Instruction and Intervention initiative, peer tutoring is categorized as a Tier 2 intervention. The tutoring is above and beyond the instruction that students receive in the classroom and is an intervention that is available to any student who seeks it out.

Dennis noted that the tutoring can be very beneficial to both the tutees as well as the tutors. In some cases, students who are tutors also receive tutoring in other subject areas.

"It has been very rewarding to me, personally, to see the relationships that have formed and to see these students volunteer their time from their already busy schedule to help their peers. The sense of partnership and the spirit of a community working together, are evident in the Learning Resource Center," said Dennis.

The media is welcome to report on the peer tutoring program occurring at Governor Mifflin High School. To schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or [kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us).

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