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The first virtual [Schoolyear Tutoring Program](#) ran for **34 weeks**, from **October 4, 2021**, to **June 23, 2022**, from Mondays to Thursdays, between 4PM and 7PM ET. **544 hour-long sessions** were held with **52 youth** participants.

Youth needing support in **English, Math, and Science**, at the **grades 6 to 10 level**, were paired with **expert tutors** knowledgeable in their requested subjects. Each week, youth participants and their tutors met on Zoom to go over homework and explore challenging topics.

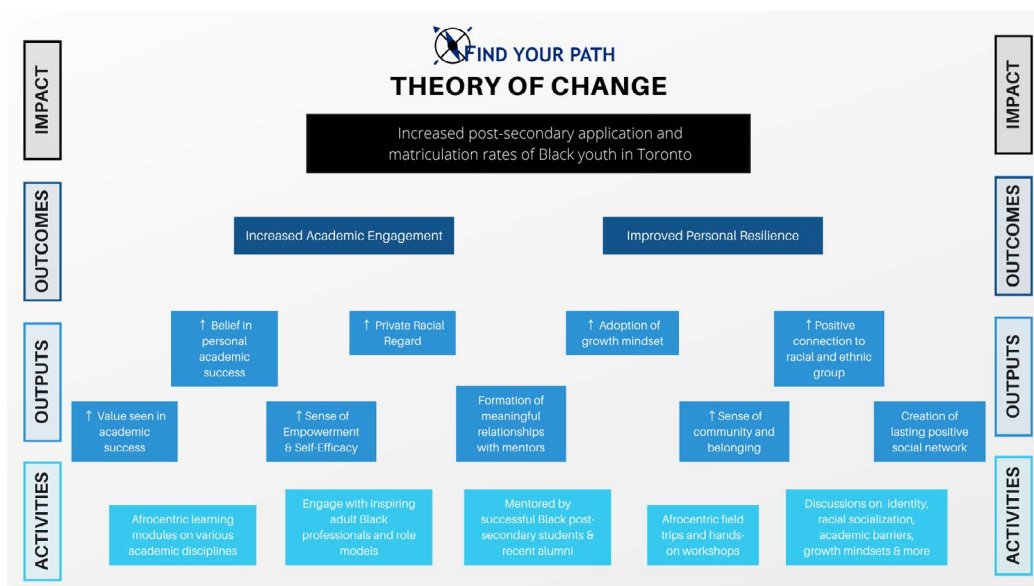
The virtual tutoring sessions also provided an opportunity for youth to explore new subjects and ideas with their tutors, which is not always possible for youth during regular school hours.

The Schoolyear Tutoring Program was hosted by **Find Your Path**.

FIND YOUR PATH

[Find Your Path](#) is a Toronto-based, student-run, non-profit, organization that aims to help Black youth and first-generation students realize their academic potential through the creation of engaging, restorative, and Afrocentric educational programming and through the provision of annual scholarships.

[The theory of change](#) for their Afrocentric youth programming was informed by feedback from students, parents, and educators, and a thorough program theory assessment, which included extensive literature review and interviews with experts in Afrocentric pedagogy, positive psychology, and impact evaluation.



PROGRAM EVALUATION

In 2022, Find Your Path collaborated with [The Students Commission of Canada](#) to conduct an evaluation of the School year Tutoring Program. Find Your Path then collaborated with [YouthREX](#) to interpret the key findings from the evaluation to produce accessible reports we can share with our community stakeholders.

To assess the impacts of the School year Tutoring Program, **tutor and youth participant feedback** surveys were conducted; this provided an opportunity for reflections on experiences, the program's impact, and recommendations on how programming can be improved. Tutors and youth were invited to participate in this survey *after each tutoring session*; **259** surveys were completed by tutors and **90** surveys were completed by youth from October 2021 to June 2022. Note that tutors and youth answered the survey more than once throughout the duration of the program, so the sample sizes referenced above reflect the total number of responses.

The findings demonstrate that Find Your Path is meeting its goal of inspiring Black youth to realize their academic potential.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

01. Customizing Learning Experiences

- Tutors offered **genuine, high-quality** academic support.
- Tutors **emphasized student wellbeing** and **continued progress**, prioritizing lessons that youth needed help with the most and activities that youth found to be fun and engaging.
- Youth found the different resources that tutors used to be **helpful in their learning process** and enjoyed the learning activities and the **relaxed approach** of the program.

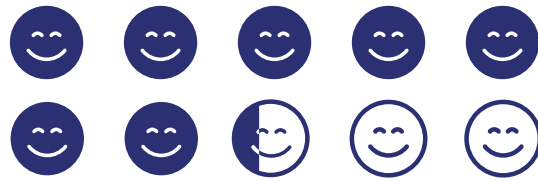


02. Facilitating Strong Connections

- Youth appreciated how **tutors were understanding, welcoming, and supportive**, and **how they facilitated sessions**.
- Tutors felt a **sense of purpose** and were **extremely satisfied** when youth were highly engaged and when they noticed progress in their youth.



Youth gave the sessions an average rating of **8.7** out of 10.



Tutors gave the sessions an average rating of **8.2** out of 10.

IN OTHER WORDS...

"[My tutor] was really nice, welcoming, and I felt I got some good feedback for my work." – Youth

"This session went very well today! Both these students showed high levels of engagement and respect towards each other and me, and we generated a very easy and open conversation that allowed us to get to know each other." – Tutor

"...[my tutor] explained concepts my teacher didn't teach for the day." – Youth

