Harvard HAND and Cambridge School Volunteers, Inc., together with the Cambridge School Department, are excited to introduce the America Counts math tutoring program to Cambridge public elementary schools. The goal of our program is to improve performance in and increase the enthusiasm of 4th grade students for mathematics. This pilot program is part of the Department of Education’s new America Counts Challenge, designed to help America’s students to boost their math achievement.

What will I do?
Thirty Harvard undergraduates will work with 4th graders in classrooms and afterschool Learning Centers, for at least 1 1/2 hours a week. Tutors will receive special training in the 4th grade curriculum currently being used in the Cambridge schools. Tutors will reinforce what the teacher has introduced to the class, help students understand and practice important ideas, and demonstrate that learning mathematics can be interesting and fun.

Where will I be working?
Three Cambridge elementary schools have been selected by the school department to participate in this pilot program: Haggerty, Fletcher, and Fitzgerald. Transportation costs for volunteers will be reimbursed.

How do I become an America Counts tutor?
1. Pick up an America Counts tutor application from the HAND office, on the 3rd floor of Phillips Brooks House.
2. Turn in completed application to Judy Kokesh, 3rd floor PBH.
3. Wait for notification of acceptance.
4. Go to the Student Employment Office to pick up the off-campus work-study packet. See the America Counts coordinator for help completing it, or attend one of our work-
study information sessions (Monday, October 4th or Tuesday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m. in PBH Parlor Room).
5. Attend the first America Counts training session.

Who are my commitments?
America Counts Tutors commit to fulfill eight responsibilities
• Weekly tutoring sessions
• Two semesters of tutoring
• Two hours of training in October, prior to placement
• Two hours of training in December and March
• Compliance with Learning Center and school regulations
• Signing a tutor contract
• Turning in accurate reports on hours spent in training, tutoring or preparation
• Participation on Harvard’s America Counts listserv

What do I receive?
• Training to work with children and help them improve their math skills
• Experience in teaching and working with children
• Federal work-study eligible tutors are paid $8.60/hr for tutoring, training and some preparation time.
• Official recognition materials and events
• All the intangible benefits that accompany working with children and helping them learn, and doing something positive for others.

Can I participate in America Counts through other programs?
Yes. Work-study eligible students who are working with students to improve math skills through other Cambridge and Boston programs also are eligible to be paid through America Counts. Contact the America Counts Coordinator for more information.

Who do I contact for more information?
- Visit our website at: http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~hand
- America Counts Coordinator, 3rd floor PBH
- Judy Kokesh, HAND administrator, 495-3756, (jkokesh@fas.harvard.edu)

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