

From the research team

- For this project, we are attempting to evaluate several different types of interventions and messaging strategies to students. Different tutors will be assigned different interventions and it is critical to our evaluation that you follow several rules so that we can make valid interpretations of these interventions. If these rules are not followed, we risk the ability to really evaluate how helpful they were for students.
 - Consider the following example: suppose one group of people is assigned a diet consisting of meat and vegetables. Another group is assigned a diet of fruit and grains. The researchers are interested in tracking people's cholesterol for one month after strictly following these diets. However, suppose that some people don't strictly adhere to the diet and add in other foods not assigned to them. Doing so would negatively impact how well the researchers were able to assess the different diets' impact on cholesterol (because the diets weren't followed). The same is true for this study!

- That said, we ask you consider the following:
 - During the time when the sessions are being held, please do not share any information with other tutors about what activities you are being asked to do or what strategies you are using. (The one exception being the general curriculum and guidelines that apply to all tutors, as you see in the "Tutor Manual.") This is extremely important. Even though you might really love (or hate) some of the ideas, we ask that you not share this information until the conclusion of the study.
 - This is not because we are trying to be secretive, but rather, to ensure that what you are assigned to do is done by you and you only.
 - If at the conclusion of the study you would like to share information with other tutors, that is okay. But we please ask that you wait until the end of the study to do so.
 - It is likely you will have questions about some things we ask you to do. If you have questions at any point about the interventions or activities, please ask! We would much rather you ask and know for sure rather than assume something is okay or not okay.
 - Our primary aim to evaluate the different things that we are asking you to do, then make recommendations about which ones showed the most promise. So, we ask that you be a research partner with us and help us make the best, most informed decisions possible.