



The Educational Therapy Center (ETC) specializes in helping struggling readers and spellers to reach their full potential. Many of our clients have dyslexia or dyslexic traits that have not allowed them to learn to read, write, and comprehend in the same way as their peers. Our tutors use a structured literacy program called Orton-Gillingham, which reteaches missing skills while introducing new skills.



Dyslexia affects people in families of all socioeconomic levels with students having a wide range of intellectual capacity. The students often have low self-esteem because they are frustrated watching others learn to read and spell while they struggle. Our youngest student has been three while the oldest to date has been 63.

ETC tutors provide remediation – which is tutoring, but not homework help. We teach in a systematic, sequential manner, in a 1:1 setting as the missing elements are taught to bring a student to their full potential for reading, spelling, composition, reading comprehension, and more. The pace is set as fast as possible, but as slow as necessary.



Lorrie Wolf is the Director of the Education Therapy Center, which started in Parkville in 2007. ETC is located in downtown Parkville in English Landing Center, but also has tutors in other areas of the Kansas City Metro.

ETC's location is convenient for our diverse population from around the Northland and beyond. Parents and siblings also enjoy access to the park, trails, and shops here in downtown Parkville.

A two-hour screening is required before starting remediation services, but this does not lock you into services; no contract is required. Tutoring is done in person under COVID precautions, but virtual tutoring is also available. Sessions are generally twice a week for one hour each session.