

# Free tutoring service available to students

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Since the No Child Left Behind Act mandates that public schools receiving federal money must help educate students who may face economic challenges, those schools that do not meet performance goals for three years or more must offer free tutoring services.

One of the schools that did not meet the NCLBA requirements was Aiea Elementary.

Yet, according to Brett Seitman, president and CEO of the Aiea-based "It's All About Kids," approximately 90 percent of students who are eligible for free tutoring fail to take advantage of the service.

IAAK recently began tutoring keiki at Aiea Elementary. It is a state-approved Supplemental Educational Services Provider, and the ratio of students to tutors is about 4 to 1, Seitman said.

Although he has a background in retail, Seitman's mother was an educator in Las Vegas. They studied the possibility of opening a tutoring service in Hawaii after the NCLBA was enacted.

"We researched it and then submitted a proposal to the state," he recalled.

The child can select from a variety of providers. "We do an agreement of services," Seitman said. "When we are picked, that's when we meet with the parents and define objectives."

IAAK utilizes an interactive Web-based curriculum called Compass Learning Odyssey, a trademarked computer-based tutoring program that engages Hawaii students through interactive instructional activities.

"What they teach about during the day, we teach after school on the computer," Seitman explained.

Then, based on how diligently they work, the children can earn points that are redeemed at participating companies, including CompUSA, Jamba



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LCC student Desmond Mathias, one of the "It's All About Kids" tutors/coaches at Aiea Elementary, works with a student.

Juice, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Meadow Gold Dairies and Fernandez Fun Factory — some of which have outlets at Pearlridge Center.

"It's a two-way thing. You learn from the kids and the kids learn from you," said Desmond Mathias, one of the IAAK tutoring "coaches" at Aiea Elementary.

"We don't want to be another teacher to them," said Mathias, an 18-year-old Leeward Community College student. "We want to make it a happy environment so they're going to enjoy coming here."

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