

Is this the Right Tutor?

What to Ask-And What Their Answers Reveal

 Ask This	 Red Flag	 Green Flag
How do you support students with dyscalculia?	"We just use the curriculum the school uses."	"I use a multisensory approach tailored to how your child learns."
How do you build confidence in students who've shut down around math?	"I just tell them they're smart and we keep practicing."	"We start with what they can do, then build success gradually."
What's your experience with students who also have ADHD or anxiety?	"That's not really my focus—I just teach math."	"Many of my students have overlapping needs. I support the whole learner."
How do you measure progress?	"We'll see it in their grades."	"I track both math skills and emotional confidence."
What happens if my child gets stuck or overwhelmed?	"They just need to push through."	"We pause, shift gears, and find a better entry point."
Do you collaborate with parents?	"I prefer to work independently."	"I welcome communication. We're a team."
Do you offer any structure or planning support?	"That's not my role."	"I incorporate executive function strategies in sessions."
Do you adjust instruction if something's not working?	"We stick to the method—I know it works."	"If something's not working, I change course right away."

 **Pro Tip:** You're not just hiring a math tutor—you're choosing someone who will shape your child's relationship with learning. Trust your gut. The right tutor won't make excuses—they'll make adjustments.