

NILD-How it is different from tutoring?

The focus of NILD Educational Therapy is the development of clear, efficient thinking. Students are given tools to enable them to overcome specific learning weaknesses. Tutoring typically focuses on content while educational therapy builds efficient learning processes. NILD Educational therapy is skill-oriented, improving basic learning skills so students can learn and retain content.

Students become better able to:

- Stay focused on the teacher's voice.
- Accurately hear and remember what the teacher is saying.
- Read visual information on the board, screen, etc.
- Understand the main points of what the teacher is saying and decide the significant information to record.
- Remember how to spell the words being recorded.
- Record information legible.

Educational therapists become better able to individualize intervention by:

- Focusing specifically on students' areas of difficulty and dealing with problems as they arise during the actual learning process.
- Maintaining the intensity of focus needed to help the student work through difficulties.
- Developing the trust needed to free the student to accept and work on difficult areas.

Parents become better able to:

- Provide structure and accountability.
- Supervise homework.
- Maintain regular contact with the educational therapist to increase understanding of the therapy process and collaborate in providing an effective program for their child.