The girls who have come to our program are often those who have dropped out of high school but express interest in returning or obtaining a GED, so we include sample problems and test-taking strategies, as well as information about resources available to them. Two of our dedicated GED tutors shared some of what they do in their GED math tutoring program. Jodie Simmons shared that they start by teaching the girls how to study for the GED exam to ensure they are better prepared. They also share that it is important to remember first to ensure safety and secondly fulfill only the tasks agreed upon with your program coordinator or supervisor.

Beyond teaching math, we try to provide a safe, constructive space for the girls to talk about their goals (whether to go to college, pursue a career, or something else). Jodie Simmons mentioned, "I've seen kids who have never shared their dreams before because of their past experiences or the way they are perceived by others. But in this environment, they feel supported and empowerd to express their aspirations."

It is gratifying to see the girls develop their confidence and realize they are capable of more than they might have believed or been told in the past. It is also rewarding when they tell us that they started to feel less alone and more valued for who they are.

The girls appreciate the positive environment and feedback from tutors, which helps them to build a sense of trust and camaraderie. As one of the girls said, "This has been a great experience. I feel like I'm learning new things every day and I'm growing as a person."