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It's not piano lessons or dance classes. Nowadays, the biggest extra-curricular activity is going to a tutor. "I spend about 800 Canadian dollars a month on tutors. It's costly," says Pat, a mother in Canada. However, she adds, "after finding out half my daughter's class had tutors, I felt like my child was going to fall behind because everyone else seemed to be ahead." Shelley, a mother of three, also has tutors constantly coming in and out of her home. "When I used to sit down with my children, it was hard to get them focused. I was always yelling. When I got a tutor once a week, they became focused for one entire hour and could get most of their homework done." Tutoring isn't simply a private school phenomenon. Nor is it geared only toward lower-achieving students. In Canada alone, seven percent of high school students reported using a tutor in 2010. That increased to 15 percent last year. Overall, parents hire tutors because they are worried schools are not meeting their expectations, but there is also a cultural shift. A special value is placed on education in Asia, where tutoring is viewed as an extension of the school day. As a large number of Asians emigrated to the West over the recent years, their attitudes towards education have had an impact. Another reason for the growth in business is parental frustration and their packed schedules. "A lot of parents just don't have time to help their children with homework," says Julie Diamond, president of an American tutoring company. "Others couldn't help their children after Grade 3." There has been a shift in the attitudes, too. "Children used to get bullied for having a tutor," Diamond says. "Now it's becoming the norm to have one." Children don't seem to mind that they have a tutor. One parent feels surprised that so many of her child's classmates have tutors. "For the amount we pay in tuition, they should have as much extra help as they need," she says. Still, she's now thinking of getting a tutor. Why? Her daughter has actually asked for one.

**Summary:** (The following is just a draft.) Attending tutoring has dominated the extra-curricular activities of students with varied academic levels and more people are following suit. Asian's value on education plays a part in the growth of tutoring. Besides, parents' workload and difficulty in assistance justifies the need to hire a tutor. And now this has become a well-accepted practice. (53 words)