



SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES)

Free Tutoring for your Child



Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

What is SES?

SES = Supplemental Educational Services

SES provides additional instruction for eligible students in Reading, Language Arts, or Math.

Who pays for SES?

Under No Child Left Behind, an education law passed in 2001, school districts must use federal money to pay for supplemental educational services for eligible students.

What students are eligible to receive SES?

Students must meet **BOTH** of the following requirements:

- Qualify for free or reduced price lunch.
- Attend a Title I school* that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP)* for three or more consecutive years.

*Title I schools are schools that receive federal funds based on a high percentage of students from low-income families.

*AYP is the government's measurement of a school's overall success. **(see also: *No Child Left Behind: A Parent Guide* and *No Child Left Behind: Accountability*)**

How do I know if my child is eligible?

Districts are required to notify parents of eligible students before the start of the school year. If you have not been notified, contact your school or district office.

TIMES, LOCATIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION:

When and how often does SES take place?

SES occurs outside of regular school hours. SES is often offered after school, but it may occur on weekends, before school, or during the summer. Frequency may vary from everyday to a few times a week.

Where are services provided?

SES may be offered on site at your child's school, in your home, or at a variety of other locations including community centers or libraries. Some tutoring may even come in the form of computer-based instruction.

Who provides transportation?

The district is NOT required to provide transportation, so you must secure transportation to and from service location. Some providers may offer transportation, so be sure to inquire with prospective providers.

SES PROVIDERS:

Who are the providers?

Services are offered by providers that have been approved by the state of Florida. These providers may include private tutoring companies, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based groups.

Who chooses the provider for my child?

You choose! When you receive notification that your child is eligible for SES, you will also receive an enrollment form and a list of state-approved providers in your district. This list will include providers' contact information and descriptions of services and qualifications. Once you have chosen a provider, complete the enrollment form and return it to your child's school by the designated deadline.

How should I decide which provider to choose?

You may contact the providers directly to ask questions or many districts offer provider fairs when you can meet different providers. Ask questions to determine which provider will best meet the needs of your child. Consider asking the following questions: How are your students grouped during tutoring? Do you offer transportation? What are the qualifications and experience of your staff? How successful have you been in raising student achievement?

For a list of more questions visit:

<http://www.fldoe.org/flbppo/nclbchoice/ses/familyquestions.asp>

You can also contact your child's school or district for assistance in making your decision.

Where can I find more information about SES?

Contact your child's school, school district, or one of the following organizations:

The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) at USF:

Toll free: (866) 775-8661 or www.floridapirc.usf.edu

Florida Department of Education:

Toll free: (800) 447-1636 or www.floridaschoolchoice.org

United States Department of Education:

Toll free: (800) 872-5237 or www.ed.gov/nclb