

## Supplemental Education Services (SES) Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What are Supplemental Educational Services (SES)?**
  - Tutoring provided by approved providers outside of the regular school day
  - Tutoring can take place before or after school or on weekends
  - In a group, one-on-one or online setting
  - Parent choice program – they select provider
  
- 2. Which students are eligible for services?**
  - Students who are eligible for **free or reduced lunch in Title I Schools that have been designated by NYSED as in Need of Improvement or Corrective Action.**
  
- 3. What is a Title I School in Need of Improvement or Corrective Action?**
  - NYSED identifies public schools who do not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the same subject for any subgroup for two or more consecutive years as in need of improvement or corrective action.
  - AYP is based on student achievement on:
    - State assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) & Math in grades 3-8 for **Elementary/Middle Schools**
    - Student progress in ELA & Math for **High School & graduation rates**
  
- 4. Who are the SES providers?**
  - NYSED approves SES providers
  - SES providers contract with the school district to provide services
  - Parents may select contracted providers
  - **BUT transportation is not provided.**
  
- 5. What is the process to register for SES?**
  - Parent receives SES packet, which includes:
    - Parent notification letter
    - SES Frequently Asked Questions
    - Provider Directory
    - SES Enrollment Form
  - Review content of SES packet
  - Contact providers to ask questions
  - Attend a provider fair at the school
  - Fill out SES Enrollment Form and return it to the district
  
- 6. How do I decide which tutoring program is best for my child?**
  - Consider the following questions, when making the decision:
    - When and where will the tutoring take place?
    - How often and for how many hours in total will your child be tutored?
    - What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, or the computer)?
    - What are the tutors' qualifications?
    - Can the tutor help if your child has disabilities or is learning English?

- How much will each session cost because there is a maximum allocation per child that is established by New York State?

**7. What happens at the first tutoring session?**

- Provider conducts a pre-assessment to determine the areas for improvement for each student
- Provider and parents sit together to complete the Student Education Plan
- Specific achievement goals based on student's educational needs are developed
- Timetable for improvement is established
- Description of how student progress will be measured is outlined
- Providers must give a copy of the student plan to parent and school
- Providers must complete Student attendance/progress

**8. What other information is important to know?**

- Transportation is not provided. It is the responsibility of the parent. Please inform the SES provider of your drop-off/pick-up arrangements and provide them with emergency contact information.
- SES providers will provide quarterly reports to your child's school. They may also ask the district to provide them with information on your child that is directly related to supporting your child's academic growth.

**9. Where can I find out more information regarding SES?**

- More information can be found at the New York State Education Department website: [www.p12.nysed.gov/nclb/ses/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/nclb/ses/)