



Can my child get free tutoring through SES?

Why do schools offer SES?

Supplemental Educational Services are a requirement under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law.

The goal of NCLB is to have every student achieving at grade level by 2014.

The key parts of the NCLB law require states to:

- Develop learning standards that say what students should know, understand and be able to do at different grade levels.
- Test students using standardized tests that hold schools accountable for student achievement.
- Offer families whose children attend low performing schools Public School Choice and *Supplemental Educational Services (SES)*.
- Hire highly qualified teachers.
- Show the importance of parental involvement by requiring schools to have and use parental involvement policies and school-parent compacts.

SES (Supplemental Educational Services)

Supplemental Educational Services provide *free* tutoring or extra classes to help students catch up if they are behind in important subjects like math, language arts, or reading. SES happens outside of the regular school day (before or after school, on weekends, or in the summer). *Parents may have to provide transportation.*

Who is eligible for SES?

Your child may be eligible for supplemental educational services if:

- She is eligible for free or reduced price lunch.
- His school is a Title I school.
- Her school has been named as being in **Improvement Phase Year 1** by the New York State Education Department

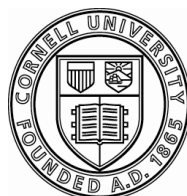
Your school district is required to tell you if your child qualifies for supplemental educational services. If you think your child may qualify, but you have not been told, check with the school principal.

Schools must offer these services until the school is no longer "in need of improvement."

Title I schools are schools that have high percentages of low income students. Ask the school if you are not sure if it is a Title I school.

What kind of services are available?

- One-on-one tutoring
- Computer-based tutoring
- Extra classes in reading, language arts or math after school, on the weekend, or during the summer



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Who can provide SES?

Services can be provided by many different organizations, including:

- Non-profit tutoring companies
- Faith-based organizations such as churches
- For-profit tutoring companies
- Public, private, and charter schools
- Community organizations
- Colleges

Tips for Choosing a Service Provider

- Make sure the provider is approved by New York State. Your school can provide you with a list of approved providers or you can visit the New York State Department of Education's Website at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/nyc/SES/ApprovedProviders/SESlist.html>.
- Meet with the service provider and make sure that you and your child are comfortable.
- Make sure that the provider is going to communicate regularly with you and your child's teacher.
- Ask the service provider anything that you have questions or concerns about, such as:
 - How long have you been providing tutoring services? How successful have you been in helping other students?
 - What will a typical tutoring session be like for my child? Will my child be working with you alone or as part of a group? Can you adapt your tutoring to meet my child's learning style?
 - What do you expect of me?
 - How often will I get updates? How will I get the updates?

What happens after I choose a provider?

- You will meet with the provider and staff from your child's school to talk about and set specific goals for your child.
- You will set up a schedule.
- You will talk about how your child's progress will be measured.

If you have questions about the services your child is receiving contact your school principal or Title I director.

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