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Supplemental Educational Services

What are Supplemental Educational Services under No Child Left Behind?

Supplemental educational services are additional academic instructional services designed to increase the academic achievement. These services may include tutoring and after-school services.

Is my child eligible?

Your child may be eligible for SES if:

- Your child's school has failed to meet Adequate Yearly Progress for two or more years and there is no eligible school for your child to transfer to or you choose not to transfer your child.
- Your child has applied for and qualifies for free or reduced lunch; and
- Your child is educationally needy

How does it work?

Under NCLB, SES are free for your child. If your child is eligible, you choose an approved provider that you decide will best meet your child's needs. Once an agreement is made between the provider you choose and your child's school, your child can start receiving services. While the services are free, transportation is not provided. Many schools make an agreement with a provider to offer services at the school.

How do I sign up?

1. Find out if your child's school is required to provide SES to students. If SES are offered, you should receive a letter from the school, but you can also call the school directly to find out.
2. If your school does provide SES, you should receive a form from the school. If you don't receive one, be sure to contact the school and ask for one.
3. Choose an approved provider on the list that best suits your child's needs. Be sure to fill the form out and return it your child's school as soon as you can.
4. Go into the school and meet the providers who will be working with your child. Be sure to check in with them regularly to talk about how your child is improving.

For more information on School Choice call our Family Resource Center at the Rhode Island Parent Information Network, 401-727-4144 or 800-464-3399.

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