

# Questions and Answers about Free Tutoring Services

## **Q: What Are Supplemental Educational Services (Free Tutoring)?**

A: Supplemental Educational Services are additional academic instructional opportunities designed to increase the academic achievement of students who attend schools in need of improvement. These services may include academic assistance such as tutoring, remediation and other educational interventions, provided that such approaches are consistent with the content and instruction used by the local school district and are aligned with the State's academic content standards. Supplemental Educational Services must be provided outside of the regular school day.

## **Q: What Is The Purpose of Supplemental Educational Services (Free Tutoring)?**

A: When students are attending Title I schools that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) in increasing student academic achievement for three years, parents of eligible children will be provided with opportunities to help their children to achieve at higher levels. Supplemental Educational Services are one part of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) that provides extra academic assistance for eligible children. Students from low-income families who are attending Title I schools that are in their second year of school improvement (i.e. have not made AYP for three or more years), in corrective action, or in restructuring status are eligible to receive these services.

The Colorado Department of Education identifies organizations, both public and private, that qualify to provide these services. Parents of eligible students are then notified, by the local school district, that Supplemental Educational Services will be made available, and parents can select any approved provider that they feel will best meet their child's needs. The local school district has an agreement with the provider selected by a parent, and the provider will then provide services to the child and report on the child's progress to the parents and to the district.

The goal is to help these students increase their academic achievement, particularly in reading/language arts and mathematics. This component of Title I offers parents choices in addressing their child's educational needs, and offers students extra help.

## **Q: How Do I Know If My Child Is Eligible?**

A: Eligible students are all students from low-income families who attend Title I schools that are in their second year of school improvement, in corrective action, or in restructuring. Low income students in Greeley/Evans Public Schools are those students approved for the free and reduced school lunch program. Based on availability of funds, Greeley schools must give priority to providing services to the lowest-achieving eligible students.

## **Q: How Do I Choose A Provider For My Child?**

A: On the following pages you will find information on each of the Supplemental Service Providers approved by the Colorado Department of Education who have been chosen to serve students in Greeley/Evans Schools. Parents must choose providers from this state approved list. Your responsibility as a parent is to read the description of the services provided by each company and decide which one will best meet the educational needs of your child. Greeley/Evans Schools along with the SES provider will develop individual student agreements. Your individual student agreement outlines how you will receive information regarding your student's progress and participation in SES. Parents' participation in this process is expected and appreciated. Once you have chosen a provider, you will work with them in creating this agreement for your student before the program begins.

**Q: What Will My Child Study?**

A: Students will receive extra help in the areas in which they struggle academically. The school, the parent and the tutoring provider will establish goals for each student.

**Q: How Will I Know What My Child Is Doing During The Tutoring Session?**

A: Tutoring providers are required to send home letters throughout the program to inform you of your child's progress.

**Q: How Do I Know I Have Chosen The Right Tutoring Provider For My Child?**

A: First, identify the areas that are causing your child to struggle in reading and math. Not all providers offer services in both reading and math. Review the list of approved providers, the services they offer, the style of delivery (i.e., online, one-on-one, group) and the location of services if transportation is an issue. Choose a tutoring provider that has a program that you believe will work for you and your child. If you need additional help in choosing a provider, talk to your child's teacher or the school principal and they will assist you in making a decision and signing up your child for tutoring services.

**Q: What If Tutoring Isn't Helping My Child?**

A: A parent may request a different provider if their child is not having success.

**Q: How Long Is The Tutoring Program?**

A: Your child is eligible to receive tutoring as long as his/her school remains on school improvement. The total amount of dollars provided by the school district for services is based on the per pupil allocation.

It is very important for you, as a parent, to be an active participant in the Supplemental Educational Services program. Your will need to ensure that your child attends the supplemental services sessions (free tutoring) in which they are enrolled. You will want to be sure to read all progress reports sent to you by the provider and call them if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress.

**Q: How Do I Enroll My Child For Services?**

A: Please complete the Registration Form which is a separate form with the name of your child's school at the top. The deadline for registering your child is clearly stated on the Registration Form. Please complete the Registration Form and return it to your child's school by the deadline to ensure that your child will be able to participate. You will be contacted by the provider you have chosen the week following the deadline with information regarding start dates and start times. After you have completed this form, the provider you have chosen will be your main point of contact.

**Remember, you must complete the Registration Form and turn it in to your school office by the deadline on the form.**