



September 8, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child may be eligible for after school help in the areas of math, reading, and English Language Arts. Your child is eligible to receive this free tutoring, called Supplemental Educational Services (SES), if he or she attends a Title I school that is “in need of improvement,” and if he or she is eligible for free lunch.

More than 70 state-approved SES organizations are contracted with the Department of Education to offer free programs after school and on weekends in schools, community centers, neighborhood locations and homes, as well as through the Internet.

This parent guide explains how SES works and what you, as a parent or guardian, should do to access these free services. The guide contains a directory of state-approved SES providers, an SES enrollment form, a calendar of important dates and instructions on selecting a provider and completing the enrollment form. In addition, your child’s school has information about the providers offering services in the school building. Of course, you may choose a program offered at other non-school locations too. Just remember that your child can only be enrolled in one SES program per school year.

When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, please consider your child’s specific learning needs. You may want to consult with your child’s teacher or school for help in making the choice.

Lastly, your school may hold a provider fair so you can talk directly to the providers and decide which program is best for your child. Please visit the No Child Left Behind/Supplemental Educational Services website at

<http://schools.nyc.gov/RulesPolicies/NCLB/SES/default.htm> or contact your child’s school if you have any questions about these free tutoring services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis M. Walcott'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dennis M. Walcott  
Chancellor