



SES Frequently Asked Questions

What are Supplemental Educational Services (SES?)

Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), schools that receive Title 1 funds and have been identified as “In Need of Improvement” for two or more years must offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students.

The Supplemental Educational Services program offers families a chance to get their children extra academic help in reading and mathematics through tutoring. The tutoring cost is covered by Twin Rivers Unified School District. Parents and guardians get to choose the tutoring company, or SES provider, that best fits the needs of their child.

Who is Eligible to Receive SES?

Students eligible to receive SES tutoring must attend schools that are in Program Improvement, Years 2, 3, 4, or 5. Schools in their first year of PI do not qualify for SES.

Students must also be from low income families (eligible for the free and reduced lunch program).

Applicants will be prioritized by academic need if the requests for participation exceed the funding available for SES.

How Do Students Get Enrolled in the SES Program?

Twin Rivers Unified School District has provided applications for the SES program through letters sent home to parents. SES applications can also be picked up at your child’s school site.

Once an SES provider has been chosen, the application is to be turned in to the child’s school site.

How Do We Choose a Provider?

The list of approved providers was sent home to parents. It can be accessed the TRUSD website and can also be found at your child’s school site. The parent application can also be downloaded from the district website.

What Questions Should Families Ask the SES Providers?

You should feel good about the provider you pick to help your child. Ask the providers questions that will help you to understand exactly what you should expect of them. Here are some examples of questions to ask:

- How many students will be tutored together?
- Do you offer one-to-one tutoring?
- What teaching experience do your tutors have?
- How will your program capture the attention of my child?
- How will you keep me, the parent, informed of my child’s progress?
- How often will you meet with my child?
- How many hours of tutoring can my child receive?
- Where will the tutoring happen?
- Will you be teaching math, reading, or both?

- Is there anyone I can talk to that has used your service in the past?
- Can you adapt your tutoring to meet my child's learning style?
- Do instructors speak languages other than English?
- How will you determine my child's academic needs?

Where are the Tutoring Services Provided?

Services may be offered in a variety of settings including schools, libraries, college campuses, community centers, homes and places of worship. Many providers offer "hands on" tutoring by credentialed teachers. Others may offer internet-based instruction that students can access through a home or school computer. Make sure that you feel comfortable with the location where the tutoring will occur.

When Does Tutoring Happen?

Students can receive supplemental services anytime outside of the regular school day. After or before school is the most common time for SES, but it can also be offered on weekends. Be sure that the tutoring will happen at a convenient time so that your child will be able to attend regularly.

What about Transportation?

Neither providers nor the school district are responsible for transporting students to a tutoring service. You will need to make plans to get your child to and from the tutoring sessions.

What Happens if my Child is not Making Progress?

Be sure to ask the providers what procedures are in place if your child does not show improvement after working with the provider. Notify the district of your concerns.

What is the Timeline for SES Services to Happen?

The deadline for submitting applications is **October 16, 2009**. After that the SES providers will be notified of the students who have applied to their programs. Providers will then contact families to set up consultations and begin services.

Where can I Get Additional Information?

Additional information for community, parent or faith-based groups about *No Child Left Behind* is available by contacting the U.S. Department of Education at partner@ed.gov.

For specific school and district questions, contact your school site or TRUSD at (916) 566-1600 ext. 1291, or e-mail cathy.orosz@twinriversusd.org.