

Linking Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to Community and Faith-Based Organizations

For more information regarding Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Community and Faith-Based Organizations, contact your local school district or the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Public School Options.

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What is SES?

The Supplemental Educational Services (SES) program is part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. SES is available to low-income families whose children attend a Title I school in need of improvement. These services are designed to increase children's learning skills in reading, language arts, or mathematics and are free for parents. This extra help may be provided before or after the regular school day, on weekends, or during the summer months. School districts are required to notify families if their child is eligible for SES.

Generally, a student is eligible for SES if he or she:

- Attends a Title I school identified as "in need of improvement" for two years or more; and
- Is eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch.



How can community leaders increase the number of eligible children benefiting from SES?

Community and faith-based organizations can help build awareness of SES and increase student participation by:

- Talking to district SES coordinators about how families can sign up for SES
- Hosting informational events to eligible families about SES, enrollment, and choosing a tutoring provider
- Distributing materials to families through flyers, in newsletters, or on bulletin boards

A helpful resource, "SES in Action: A Toolkit for Parents and Community Leaders" is available at: www.tutorsforkids.org. Additional parent outreach materials are located on the Department's web site at:

<http://www.fldoe.org/flbpo/nclbchoice/ses/parentoutreach.asp>.

How can community and faith-based organizations build tutoring providers' capacity to serve students?

- Help arrange transportation for families to attend local provider fairs or for students to attend their tutoring sessions
- Offer facility space to providers for tutoring as space at schools may be limited

Can community and faith-based organizations apply to become providers?

Yes, the Florida Department of Education annually notifies potential providers and approves providers of supplemental educational services through a Request for Application (RFA). Organizations may wish to partner with an existing provider to provide space for tutoring students or apply as the company providing tutoring services. For more information about becoming a provider for the 2008-2009 school year, please visit:

http://www.fldoe.org/flbpo/nclbchoice/ses/ses_providerinfo.asp.

