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## Free Tutoring: SES Basics

**S**upplemental Educational Services (SES) are free tutoring services provided by SES Providers. SES tutoring services are federally mandated and provided through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). Schools that receive Title I funds are required to comply with NCLB.

### What are SES Providers?

SES Providers are organizations approved by individual states to provide tutoring services to eligible students.

### Which Students are Eligible?

Students are determined to be eligible for free SES tutoring based on two main criteria:

1. Students must be low-income.
2. Students must attend a qualifying school.

### What Determines if a Student is Low-Income?

Generally, if a student qualifies for free or reduced-price lunch, he or she qualifies for SES tutoring. An approved free or reduced-price lunch application for the current school year must be on file with the district in order for a student to qualify for the free tutoring program.

### Which Schools Qualify?

The state determines the list of qualifying schools based on standardized test scores. Schools that do not meet standards are placed on a list of Schools In Need of Improvement (SINI). Students attending schools on this list may qualify for free SES tutoring if they meet the low-income requirement.

### How Can Parents Enroll?

If a student is determined to be eligible, his/her parents can contact the district to receive an application. As part of the NCLB requirements, it is the district's responsibility to contact parents of qualifying students. Therefore, parents should receive a list of providers and an application by mail from the school district. Alternatively, parents can contact providers directly to receive applications.

### What Do Parents Need to do?

Parents need to select a provider from a list of approved providers. They can only choose one provider to work with their child, so it is important for the parents to pick the "best fit" for their child's needs.

Once an application is completed and returned to the district, the student

is then verified as qualifying for SES tutoring services. The parents and their selected providers are notified and tutoring can begin. Tutoring may not start until the approval process has been completed.

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