

FREE TUTORING IN ELBERT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) NOTIFICATION
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

January 3, 2012

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Your child attends Elbert County Comprehensive High School, which receives federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Your child's school has not met these standards in graduation rate for two consecutive years and therefore has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP). Due to not meeting these standards for two years your child's school has been identified as a School in Need of Improvement (NI).

The Georgia Department of Education, GaDOE and your local school are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed. These efforts include implementing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, (ESEA). This law supports parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and schools working together to raise student achievement.

As part of our efforts to improve student achievement and implement ESEA, your child may be eligible to receive supplemental educational services (SES), which is free tutoring provided by State approved providers. **Only parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of students who qualify to receive free or reduced price meals (FRM) may request SES.** If the school district does not have sufficient funds to provide services to all eligible children, priority will be given to those eligible children with the lowest test scores.

If you are interested in free tutoring for your child, please complete the SES application. Also, attached are the answers to some frequently asked questions about supplemental educational services (SES) and a list of State approved providers with a short description of each to assist you with choosing a provider to serve your child. Each child is allotted \$1,141 for tutoring. This money is paid directly to the tutoring company or provider by the school district on behalf of the participating student and at no charge to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s). A list of GaDOE State approved providers is also available at your child's school or district Web site or by accessing the GaDOE Web site:

http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/tss_title_parent.aspx?PagerReg=TSSTitleSES

Attached is a list of frequently asked questions and an approved SES State Approved Provider List with a short description of each. Please complete the enclosed SES application by **Friday, February 3, 2012** to enroll your child. If you need assistance in selecting a Provider or if you have further questions, you may contact Dr. Martha Noble at 706-213-4012. **Please remember that the school must receive the SES form by Friday, February 3, 2012. This gives you a minimum of 20 school days to request services.**

You may submit the Request for Services Form by mail to Elbert County Comprehensive High School, 600 Abernathy Circle, Elberton, Georgia 30635 or fax 706-283-1183 or hand deliver the form to the front office at Elbert County Comprehensive High School by Friday, February 3, 2012.

You will be notified regarding enrollment and start date by Misty Duncan, Graduation Coach at the Elbert County Comprehensive High School. For questions or additional information, contact Dr. Martha Noble at 706-213-4012. There are several providers to choose from, please feel free to ask questions to ensure that you make an informed decision.

Sincerely,

Principal

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for services?

All students from low-income families who attend a school in their second year of school improvement or on corrective action are eligible for services. However, the district may not have enough money to serve all eligible students in which case the district will give priority to students who are the lowest-performing.

Who are the tutors?

The Georgia Department of Education has a list of State Approved Providers approved tutoring providers in your area from which to choose. Please review the attached list to choose a provider to serve your child.

Where is the tutoring?

It varies by provider. Tutoring may take place in your home, at the student's school, a local community center or business, library, church, neighboring school or college.

How much is tutoring?

Tutoring is free for eligible students and will be paid for by the school district. The school district will spend a maximum of \$1,141 on each student for tutoring services.

When is tutoring?

Tutoring services are provided outside of the school day. It depends on the tutoring provider but services may be offered either before school, after school, on the weekends, or during the summer.

How do students get to tutoring?

Parents are responsible for getting their child to and from tutoring services unless the provider offers transportation.

Why should I consider additional assistance for my child?

To ensure that students increase their academic achievement, particularly in reading, language arts, and math.

What will my child study?

Students will receive extra help in the areas in which they struggle academically. The school and the SES provider will assist parent(s)/legal guardian(s) in identifying the academic needs and establish goals for each student.

How will I know what my child is doing during the tutoring session?

Tutoring providers are required to submit progress reports throughout the program to inform parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of each child's progress.

How do I choose the right SES provider for my child?

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 attached 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. For additional help contact Misty Duncan at 706-213-4150 and she will assist you in selecting a provider to tutor your child.

What if tutoring does not help my child?

A parent may contact the district to discuss concerns and request a different provider if their child is not having success.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.