

Frequently Asked Questions

The following is a list of questions and answers that will help you understand why you received this brochure.

Q. Why was I selected to receive this brochure?











A. Your child may be eligible to receive FREE TUTORING.

Q. What children are eligible for these services?

A. Students who are low achieving (score low on standardized tests and perform poorly in school) are eligible for services from the SES providers after an approval letter has been received from the Tuscaloosa School System Central Office. Students must be enrolled and attending one of the following schools: Central Primary, MLK Elementary, Oakdale Primary, Tuscaloosa Middle, Westlawn Middle, or Central High.

Q. How do I select an appropriate provider for my child?

A. The selection of an SES provider is made by each parent based on the needs of their child(ren), the availability of services, and how the services will be provided. If you did not have an opportunity to meet some of the vendors at the provider fair held earlier this year, you can call their business with the number provided. As you speak with each vendor, ask questions such as these below in making your decision:

-  When and where will the tutoring take place (school, home, or community center)?
-  How often and for how many hours in total will your child be tutored?
-  What programs, by grade level and subject area, are available for your child?
-  What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, or the computer)?
-  What are the tutors' qualifications?
-  How the tutor will communicate with the child's teacher to determine his or her current placement and academic needs?
-  How will the *individual learning plan* (ILP) be developed?
-  How and how often will parents and the school receive progress reports?
-  Can the tutor help if your child has disabilities or is learning English?
-  Is transportation available to and from where the tutoring will take place?

Q. What if I have questions *after* talking with the providers?

A. Feel free to contact the providers for additional information through their contact information, talk with your school principal, or your child's teacher. (**Note:** Your child's principal or teacher may not select a provider for you but may answer questions that will help you decide how his or her needs may best be met.)

Q. How much do these services cost?

A. Services are provided at no charge to your child through Title I funding. The school district has established a budget based on federal guidelines and will pay for services until the point all funds are depleted.

Q. Ok, I know which provider I want for my child, but how do I get started?

- A.** Contracts must be completed between the SES providers and the school system based on your selections as parents. Once you have made your decision as to which provider you choose:
1. Complete the *Supplemental Educational Services Provider Selection Form* (**be sure you list accurate address and contact information**) and turn it in to your school's principal **no later than Friday, January 25, 2008**.
 2. Forms will be processed at the Tuscaloosa City School System central office and you will be notified by mail (a) that your form is approved and (b) when services may begin.