



HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Supplemental Educational Services

Frequently Asked Questions: Supplemental Educational Services for Houston County Schools

- **Who is eligible for services?**

All students from low-income families (recipients of free and reduced priced meals) 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 approved tutoring providers for this area from which to choose. The approved providers' list is available at participating schools, upon request from the school district, or on the web at <http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/ReportingFW.aspx?PageReq=112&CountyId=676&FY=2007>
- **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. Many providers will offer "hands on" tutoring by trained instructors. Others may offer Internet-based instruction that students can access through a computer at home, in a school or a community center. Make sure you and your student are comfortable with the location.
- **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 per pupil allocation 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 often and how long will my child receive tutoring?**
This can vary, from everyday to a few times a week. The provider will determine the number of sessions and how long those sessions will continue.
- **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 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. If you need assistance in selecting a provider, the district contact person can assist you in the process.
- **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.

If you have questions or concerns about AYP or School Choice, contact Jennifer Birdsong, Title I Coordinator, at (478) 988-6396 or Carla Cainion, District Parent Involvement Coordinator, at (478) 988-6128.