



Office of Accountability
2008-2009

Free Tutoring Services

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

OFFICIAL REQUEST FORM To Choose a Tutoring Agency For Your Child

PLEASE OPEN AT ONCE Final Deadline: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's school — and every school in the Boston Public Schools — is committed to high achievement for all students. Our number one goal is to provide the support necessary to ensure that each student has many opportunities to improve his or her academic skills.

With this goal in mind, we reach out to inform you that your child *may* be eligible for extra academic assistance under **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**, the federal education law.

We hope all eligible students and their families will take advantage of this educational opportunity.

All children at your child's school who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible to receive **Free Tutoring**. The tutoring is academic assistance that can take place before school, after school, or during the summer. This assistance is provided by state-approved providers.

We are giving you this notice to help you understand how tutors can help your child and what you must do to take advantage of their services. There is no obligation to enroll your child in the free tutoring program, but we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

With Free Tutoring, You Get to Choose!

You will be able to choose among different tutoring services offered by different providers at different locations. That way, you can decide what is best for your child.

Best wishes for a successful school year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol R. Johnson".

Carol R. Johnson,
Superintendent.

Please fill out and return a registration form to your child's school by Friday, October 31, 2008.

QuickReference

All these tutoring services are provided by the Massachusetts

TUTORING SERVICE PROVIDERS	PROGRAM AREAS	GRADES SERVED	TUTORING LOCATION
ALLIANCE FOR INCLUSION AND PREVENTION Contact: Robert Kilkenny, Meg Smith Phone: (617) 469-0074	Reading, Writing, Math	6, 7, 8	Irving MS, Frederick Pilot MS
ALTERNATIVES UNLIMITED, INC. Contact: Chris Battaglia Phone: (410) 339-3945	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	School, Home, Internet, Business, Community Center
ANN'S CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER Contact: Denise Jeter Phone: (617) 287-2332	Reading, Writing, Math	K-8	Business, School, Community Ctr., Place of Worship
AMERICA SCORES - New England Contact: Dennis Wright Phone: (617) 265-0066 Ext. 150	Reading, Writing	3, 4, 5	Student's School
BELL-BUILDING EDUCATED LEADERS FOR LIFE Contact: Brenda Braithwaite Phone: (617) 282-1567, xt.134	Reading, Writing, Math	K2-5	Holland, Kenny, Mather, Mattahunt, Tobin, Trotter
BOSTON HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER Contact: Elizabeth Palma Diaz Phone: (617) 442-5608	Reading, Writing	7-12	68 Northampton Street Boston, MA 02118
BOSTON LEARNING CENTER Contact: Gary Bracey Phone: (617) 265-7170	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	208 Ashmont Street, Dorchester, MA, 02124 Student's School, Community Ctr., Place of Worship
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Contact: Maureen Harris Phone: (617) 635-9414	Reading, Writing, Math	3-12	School
BOSTON URBAN YOUTH FOUNDATION (BUYF) Contact: Christopher Troy Phone: (617) 445-3380	Reading, Writing, Math	6-12	School, Business
BRAINFUSE ONE TO ONE TUTORING Contact: Alex Sztuden Phone: (866) 272-4638	Reading, Writing, Math	3-12	On-Line Tutoring
BRIENZA'S ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE Contact: Concetta Verge (800) 581-0887/(978) 400-8651	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	Student's Home
C&M EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND CONSULTING Contact: Paula Nelson Phone: (617) 282-9700	Reading, Writing, Math	K-5	Business, Internet
CATAPULT LEARNING Contact: Phone: (800) 417-3125	Reading, Math	K-8	Student's School
CITIZEN SCHOOLS Contact: Ned Rimer Phone: (617) 695-2300	Writing, Math	5-8	Cleveland MS, Dever, Dorchester Community Camp field, Harbor, Irving, Mission Hill, Shaw MS, Wheat Eighth Grade Academy, McCormack Middle School
CLUB Z! IN HOME TUTORING SERVICES Contact: Stephanie Mitchell Phone: (781) 893-1862	Reading, Math	K-12	School, Home, Internet, Other
COMMONWEALTH LEARNING CENTER Contact: Nancy Quinlan Phone: (781) 444-5193	Reading	1-12	School, Home, Other
EDUCATE ONLINE Contact: Mikki Cruz Phone: 212-755-1070	Reading, Math	3-12	School, Home, Internet, Other
GENERATIONS INCORPORATED Contact: Julie Sitler Phone: (617) 423-5545	Reading	1-4	School, Community Center
GREENWOOD SHALOM OUTREACH COMMUNITY, INC. Contact: Tanna Preston Phone: (617) 282-1464	Reading, Writing, Math	K-10	378A Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02124
HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTERS, INC. Contact: Julie Delucca Phone: (800) 692-8400 x486	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	School, Business
LEARN-IT SYSTEMS Contact: Raquel Whitting Phone: 410-369-0000	Reading, Math	K-8	School, Community Sites
PINNACLE LEARNING CENTER Contact: Steven Shapiro Phone: (781)-828-2800	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	School, Place of Worship, Community Center, Other
PRINCETON REVIEW K-12 SERIES Contact: Keri Hoyt Phone: (800) 333-0369 x1340	Reading, Writing, Math	1-12	School, Place of Worship, Community Center, Other
TENACITY, INC. Contact: Edward Eames Phone: (617) 562-0900	Reading	6, 7, 8	Umana Barnes, Sportsmen's Tennis Club, Reggie Lev ter, Boston Athletic Club, Harvard University
THE MATCH MATH LAB Contact: Brandon Wong Phone: (617) 232-0300	Math	6, 7, 8	1001 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215
THE YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON Contact: Wendy Zinn Phone: (617) 536-7800	Reading, Math	K-5	School

Guide to Providers

Massachusetts Department of Education and serve students in Boston

	FOREIGN LANGUAGES SERVED	SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED	TUTORING HOURS PER WEEK	TUTORING HOURS PER YEAR	DAYS OF OPERATION	TUTORING FORMAT
	None currently	Learning and emotional disabilities	4 hours	46 hours	Mon-Sat	Group
er	Call for details	Call for details	4 hours	42 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-one / Group
o	Call for details	Mild to moderate learning disabilities	2-3 hours	31 hrs.-Individual / 41 hrs.- Group	Mon-Sat	One-to-one
	Call for details	Call for details	3 hours	60 hours	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	One-to-one Internet
	Call for details	Call for details	8 hours	51 hours	Mon-Fri	One-to-one
	Spanish	Mild to moderate learning disabilities	Call for details	58 hours	Call for details	One-to-one / Group
	Spanish, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Cantonese, Mandarin	ADD, Dyslexia, ADHD, Autism and more. Call for details	2-3 hours	35 hours	Call for details	Call for details
	Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, Somali	All special needs served	4 hours	60 hours	Mon-Fri	Group
	Call for details	None currently	Call for details	87 hours	Call for details	One-to-one / Group
	Spanish	Call for details	2-3 hours	40 hours	Mon-Sun	Group
	Call for details	Call for details	3 hours	46 hours	Mon-Fri	One-to-one / Group
	Creole, Spanish, Somali, Chinese	All special needs served	2-3 hours	41 hours	Mon-Sat	Call for details
	All languages	Call for details	4 hours	35 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
us, Garley MS,	Call for details	Call for details	10-12 hours	72 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
	Spanish and others upon request	Autism, Communication delay, Developmental delay, Intellectual, Sensory, Neurological, Emotional and others upon request	2-4 hours	40 hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one / Group
	Call for details	Call for details	1 hours	30 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-one / Group
	Call for details	Call for details	2-4 hours	40 hours	Mon-Sun	Group
	Call for details	None currently	2-4 hours	40 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
	Spanish	ADD, ADHD, Asperger's and language based disability	2-4 hours	77 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
	Call for details	Call for details	Call for details	46 hours	Call for details	One-to-one / Group
	Spanish, English, Haitian Creole	ADD, ADHD	3 hours	45 hours	Mon-Sat	Group
	Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, French, Creole, Japanese,	ADD, ADHD, Asperger's, Non-verbal learning disability, Short-term memory loss	3-5 hours	38 hrs. One-to-one 66 hrs. Small group	Mon-Sun	Call for details
	Spanish	None currently	3 hours	30 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-one Online
wis Cen-	Spanish	Call for details	4-5 hours	60 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
	Spanish, Creole	Mild to moderate learning disabilities	2-4 hours	42 hours	Call for details	Group
	Yes	Call for details	4 hours	80 hours	Mon-Fri	Group

PROVIDER PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

ALLIANCE FOR INCLUSION AND PREVENTION

Alliance for Inclusion (AIP) and Prevention's 9-year partnership with Boston Public Schools has helped over 700 middle schoolers, including many at high risk of school failure, to succeed. AIP fosters student improvement through one-on-one and small group tutoring after school in Reading, Writing and Math. AIP's Tutoring Program operates in two Boston Public Schools.

ALTERNATIVES UNLIMITED, INC.

Alternatives Unlimited Tutoring provides tutoring in math, reading and writing to students grades K-12. An individual learning plan is developed for each student based on diagnostic pre-testing. At the end of services, students are post tested as a measure of academic improvement. AU utilizes ENI's iTarget Teach Fundamentals curriculum, which is aligned with Massachusetts and district standards. Their goal is to support and assist students to improve current classroom performance and achieve greater success on their report cards and mandated state tests. Through individual and small group instruction (5:1), AU students develop fundamental skills that provide a strong foundation for learning more advanced concepts and content. AU provides curriculum in both Spanish and English; bilingual tutors are assigned to work with Spanish speaking students.

ANN'S CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER

Ann's Christian Learning Center (ACLC) is a faith-based, one on one tutoring center. Their highly qualified teaching staff provides tutoring for students in grades 2-8. Students are encouraged through parental involvement, their own participation in the development of tangible learning goals, and by the incentives we provide through our motivational program. We reward students for doing well on tests administered at our Center and their school, improving grades, completing homework accurately, and having a good attitude.

AMERICA SCORES (New England)

America SCORES New England is a successful youth development organization that uses the unique combination of soccer, writing, creative expression, and service-learning to teach literacy skills. SCORES works in close partnership with twelve elementary programs in the Boston Public Schools. SCORES students attend two afternoons per week in grades 3-5 for writing and reading activities for a minimum of ten hours per month throughout the school year. SCORES seeks to serve the whole child with a balanced offering of literacy support, physical fitness and character building. Services are delivered primarily by Boston Public School teachers as well as para-professionals working under their direction. Parents will receive periodic progress reports and our staff is available to meet to discuss student progress.

BELL-BUILDING EDUCATED LEADERS FOR LIFE

The mission of BELL (Building Educated Leaders for Life) is to increase the educational achievements and life opportunities of children living in low-income communities. BELL's after-school

program provides small-group, hands-on literacy tutoring and math homework assistance Monday through Thursday at several Boston Public elementary schools, along with cultural activities, field trips and community service projects on Fridays.

BOSTON HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

The Boston Higher Education Resource Center (HERC), a faith-based organization in Roxbury, provides tutoring, academic support, mentoring and college preparation services to at-risk children and youth in Boston, Dorchester and Roxbury. Its tutoring program will provide small group tutoring in reading and English language arts to at-risk-middle and high school students. It will use direct tutoring strategies and computer assisted instruction programs that support the curriculum of the Boston Public Schools (BPS). HERC has worked with more than 35 public schools and has been effective in helping at-risk students - including students with disabilities and behavioral problems - to achieve academically and gain acceptance into colleges.

BOSTON LEARNING CENTER

At no cost to you, Boston Learning Center can provide tutoring at your child's school or in your home for students in grades K-12. They also offer a motivational program called BIFF for teenagers in grades 6-12. BIFF has a college acceptance rate of over 90% of its alumni, and turns failure into academic success. For the past twenty years, they have served over 3,000 kids in the community with excellent results. Their program includes an individualized curriculum designed to meet the needs of each student.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boston Public Schools' (BPS) program provides 60 hours of small group instruction in reading, writing and math by highly qualified Boston Public Schools teachers. The tutoring takes place at BPS schools identified as SES eligible and occurs either before or after school. Special materials have been selected to address the unique learning needs of the students. Each student has an Individual Student Success Plan (ISSP) that teachers use to inform the instruction. Parents meet with teachers three times during the year to discuss their child's progress.

BOSTON URBAN YOUTH FOUNDATION (BUYF)

The Boston Urban Youth Foundation's after school program seeks to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's work by providing academic and social development. BUYF has had a lot of success improving school engagement, attendance, performance, and college preparedness. BUYF's after school programming includes:

1. Passkey tutorial sessions in which students learn at their own pace through interactive computer-aided learning exercises that strengthens their reading, language arts and math skills. Pre and Post tests assess growth in students' skills.
2. One-on-One and small group tutorial sessions that focus on strengthening students' reading comprehension and language arts skills through reading and writing exercises and through guided discussions regarding a variety of texts.
3. Increasing the knowledge and experience about the political, economic, and community structures of our city and world.

BRAINFUSE ONE –TO-ONE TUTORING

With Brainfuse, students and tutors communicate in real-time through their easy-to-use online classroom. Brainfuse is available from any computer with Internet access. Their tutors are experienced educators who undergo a rigorous certification process, including background and reference checks, multiple interviews, skills testing, and extensive training. They offer live tutoring from skilled instructors in math, reading, and ESL (grades 4-12). Progress reports are regularly provided (in the parent's native language).

BRIENZA'S ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

Brienza Academic Advantage has been providing families with high quality educational services for sixteen years. Their program addresses the content and learning standards set by the Massachusetts Department of Education. It is their philosophy that a student's academic knowledge must grow along with his/her self-esteem; therefore, we create rich learning opportunities that foster both academics and self-development. We emphasize academic excellence while building confidence and self-esteem. It is our goal to provide our students with an academically challenging experience in a nurturing, safe environment. We pride ourselves on the quality of services we offer, the quality of teachers we employ and the quality of resources we use.

C&M EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS/T.H.R.I.V.E

C & M Educational Connections and Consulting (CMECC) was established in 2006 by Ms. Paula Nelson, a former inclusion and transitional middle school math teacher and educator of the Boston Public Schools District, who recognized the need for a research-based after school program for students struggling with reading, writing, and math skills. In 2008 CMECC adopted the name T.H.R.I.V.E., to better illustrate its mission to help at-risk children and youth achieve, to their absolute fullest potential. The T.H.R.I.V.E. Program is a year-round tutorial-based curriculum providing tutoring for remediation and enrichment in reading, ELA and math via online lessons, computer-assisted instruction, one-on-one and small group instruction to Grades 3-5 students in a safe, structured, and engaging environment.

CATAPULT ONLINE

Catapult Online offers live, individualized, at home tutoring through its easy-to-use online classroom. The Catapult Online experience mirrors instruction that takes place while sitting together in the same room and yet students tend to be more open and willing to participate given the privacy and safety provided by the online classroom. Students access the program on a FREE personal computer provided by Catapult Online. Students earn the right to keep their computer by completing the full program (as determined by district/provider agreements). Parents choose their child's schedule which generally includes 2-4, 60-minute sessions per week. Catapult Online is appropriate for most students in grades 3-12. Catapult Online's research based program uses individualized instruction and mastery learning techniques to improve students' reading or math skills.

CITIZEN SCHOOLS

The Citizen Schools after-school program helps students 1)

build important math and writing skills, 2) develop positive values and leadership abilities, 3) prepare for high school and college success, and 4) gain exposure to careers and mentors from a variety of professions. Under the guidance of a professionally trained staff, students "apprentice" with talented volunteers from diverse fields, including, architecture, business, journalism, law, and technology. Students practice academic skills and make the connection between what they learn in school and career success as they complete real-world apprenticeship projects, such as preparing and arguing a mock trial, writing and publishing a newspaper, redesigning subway stations, creating web pages, and more. Our talented staff also supports homework completion and connects regularly with classroom teachers.

CLUB Z! IN-HOME TUTORING SERVICES

Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services provides individual, one-on-one tutoring in the security of the student's home, at times convenient to parents. Club Z! tutors are either state certified public and private school teachers or degreed professionals with expertise and tutoring experience in the their subject area. Club Z! matches tutors to students based on individual academic needs and personality. Tutors' teaching styles are highly individualized and tailored specifically to the student.

COMMONWEALTH LEARNING CENTER

Commonwealth Learning Center provides one-to-one reading tutoring tailored to the needs of each student. This after school tutorial program addresses the needs of students struggling with reading and spelling. Each student works with his or her own teacher and will see this same teacher for each session. Tutoring focuses on teaching students the 'code' of the English language- its sounds, syllable types, patterns, rules, and roots and affixes- in a systematic and hands-on manner. Students read aloud and complete dictation exercises at each lesson. The teachers in Commonwealth Learning Center's program are certified specialists who have undergone significant training and have experience working with students who are struggling with reading and spelling. We welcome students who have learning disabilities and/or attentional difficulties.

FAILURE FREE READING

Failure Free Reading is a research-proven multi-media intervention for students with beginning reading comprehension, vocabulary and fluency difficulties. This highly structured language development program is based on over 20 years of ongoing research and is designed to create a successful intervention for struggling readers traditionally trapped in the 0 to 20th percentile.

Failure Free Reading has produced significant changes in the reading scores of America's lowest performing subgroups: economically disadvantaged, minority, special education and limited English proficient and is listed as a Promising Practice in Reading by the Education Commission of the States.

GENERATIONS INCORPORATED

Generations Incorporated provides one on one literacy tutoring to first, second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students in Boston Public Schools. We provide services at multiple locations in the Greater Boston area. To learn more about the organization, call or visit our website: www.generationsinc.org

Tutors meet with each child twice a week, for 40 minutes each

session, using the “Reading Coaches” curriculum. The tutors are trained retirees from the community who care about children’s literacy. We measure the Reading Coaches program impact using the Basic Reading Inventory (BRI), which is administered twice a year. Our students usually improve by 2.5 reading levels. In addition to the literacy gains, students benefit from our program’s high quality intergenerational component.

GREENWOOD SHALOM OUTREACH

The Greenwood Shalom Outreach Community (GSOC) is a seven year old organization that provides a variety of educational and supportive services to at-risk youth. GSOC’s SES program will provide tutoring in reading, ELA and math via computer-assisted instruction and direct one-on-one and small group instruction. GSOC has been effective in improving academic outcomes for at-risk students, as measured by pre-and post- Woodcock-Johnson assessments and other measures. Since GSOC began administering these assessments in 2003, all students tutored by GSOC improved by at least .5 grade levels after three-to-six months, and some improved by as much as 3.5 grade levels.

HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTERS

Huntington Learning Center espouses an educational philosophy of comprehensive testing, sophisticated diagnostics, superlative curriculum, and individualized instruction. We draw upon a wealth of leading-edge curriculum items in order to deliver the most effective possible supplemental education to students in grades K-12. All of our teachers have at least a Bachelors degree and must earn Huntington certification. Our program will help your child build learning skills today that will last a lifetime.

LEARN-IT SYSTEMS

Learn-It Systems delivers small group instruction after school, delivered by trained, state certified instructors with a minimum of 2 years classroom experience. Students enrolled in the program are grouped initially by grade level for the administration of a pre-assessment specially developed to mimic, in short form, the Massachusetts state assessment. The results of the pre-assessment inform an individualized learning plan for each student. Students with similar instructional needs are placed together in small learning communities (groups) to provide opportunity for maximum growth, peer-learning, and focused group and individual attention. Learn-It Systems programs produce results. Learn-It has helped thousands of students nationwide to learn the fundamental reading and math skills they need to succeed in school and in life.

PINNACLE LEARNING CENTER

Pinnacle Learning Center is a locally owned and operated provider of supplemental educational services in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Pinnacle Learning Center’s programs are designed to help students achieve and go beyond Massachusetts’s learning standards. Our highly experienced, MA certified teachers are trained to use the most current materials and teaching techniques to help students achieve growth in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks as measured by the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Survey. Our program includes an initial parent/guardian consultation, diagnostic testing, strong communication with classroom teachers and an individualized curriculum designed to maximize each student’s performance.

PRINCETON REVIEW K12 SERVICES

Our dynamic, engaging program improves Massachusetts’ student achievement by ensuring all students receive the instruction required to improve their math and reading skills. Our program’s small group setting enables our Princeton Review certified teachers to give each student the individual attention he/she deserves. By focusing on the most important concepts in math and reading, The Princeton Review gives our students the tools they need to succeed both in the classroom and in life.

TENACITY, INC.

Tenacity is a successful youth development organization in Boston that seeks “to improve the scholastic, character, and physical development of urban youth through a combination of academic support and tennis instruction/competition with a focus on life-skills.” Tenacity’s After-School Excellence Program (ASEP) works in close partnership with eight Boston Public Schools to deliver an intensive three-year program designed for “at-risk” middle school students. ASEP integrates reading/literacy support, life skills development and tennis/physical fitness activities in a structured environment. ASEP students attend three afternoons per week for 30 weeks, each of their sixth, seventh and eighth grade school years, for a total of 290 hours each school year, and 90 hours each summer.

THE MATCH MATH LAB

The MATCH Math Lab is small math tutoring program for Boston area middle school students based on a highly-successful high school weekend-tutoring program. The program relies exclusively on individual or small group tutoring with a real person; we do not use computers to teach, except when a tutor and student work together on the computer. We systematically help students master the Massachusetts Math Curriculum Frameworks, such that they not just pass the math MCAS in Grades 6, 8 or 10, but score “Proficient” or “Advanced.” Our program has a work force that includes three different groups: a) full-time tutors (recent college graduates from the nation’s top universities; these are full-time employees of the MATCH School), b) college student tutors (from M.I.T., Harvard, Boston College, and Boston University), and c) MATCH high school students themselves.

THE YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON

The YMCA of Greater Boston provides safe, quality after school programming that addresses the unique cultural, social, and educational issues facing the students and families in Boston. We will also be using literacy model which will be provided to SES students for an hour each day, four or five days per week. We will have activities including Read Aloud, Shout Out, Word Works, Writing and Independent Reading. Read Aloud is the time to develop a theme or topic and a time for adults to provide a model of fluent reading, stopping to think aloud and demonstrate how reading works. Shout out, Word Works and Writing are used to give students continued interaction. We will use books from “The 100 Book Challenge”, which involves 30-45 minutes of independent reading.

(Call contacts to make arrangements for tutoring and for details on days and hours of service)

Additional information about our tutors can be found on the Massachusetts Department of Education’s website: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/ses/>

Free Tutoring (SES) is available at the following schools:

Elementary SES Schools

Agassiz
Bates
Beethoven
Blackstone
Channing
Chittick
Condon
Dever
Ellis
Emerson
Everett
Farragut
Fifield
Gardner
Garfield
E. Greenwood
Grew
Guild
Hale
Haley
Hamilton
Harvard/Kent
Hennigan
Higginson
Holland
J. Kennedy
P. Kennedy
Kenny
Lee Elementary
Marshall
Mather
Mattahunt
O'Donnell
Ohrenberger
Otis
Perkins
Quincy
Roosevelt
Shaw
Sumner
Trotter
Tynan
Winthrop

Elementary/Middle Schools

Curley K-8
Eliot
S. Greenwood
Hernandez
Hurley
Jackson-Mann K-8
Lydon
McKay
Mission Hill
Murphy
Orchard Gardens
Tobin
Warren-Prescott
Young Achievers

Middle Schools

Dearborn
Edison
Edwards
Frederick
Gavin
Harbor
Irving
King
Lewenberg
Lewis
McCormack
Mildred Avenue
Rogers
Timilty
Umana/Barnes
Woodrow Wilson

Middle/High Schools

Upper School

Quincy Upper School

High Schools

Burke
Charlestown
Community Academy of
Science
East Boston
English
Madison Park
Media Communications &
Technology
Noonan Business
Odyssey
Parkway Academy
The Engineering School
Urban Science Academy

Special Schools

McKinley

What is the SES tutoring program?

Supplemental Education Services (SES) is a program funded by the federal government as part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law that provides free tutoring to students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch at selected schools. Tutoring is offered to eligible students outside of the traditional school day by a variety of providers. The programs are designed to help improve students' skills in reading, writing and mathematics. If your child is eligible for the program, funds from the federal government will pay for your child's services up to \$2,076.21.

How do I know if I qualify for SES tutoring? You qualify, if:

- Your child is enrolled in a public school in Massachusetts that has been designated as eligible for SES tutoring, based on its performance results*; AND
- Your child is eligible for free or reduced lunch; AND
- You turned in your child's free and reduced lunch application form to his or her school.

Families who meet all three of these requirements are eligible to register for SES tutoring. Please note that due to limited funding, not all eligible students will receive SES tutoring.

When and where can I register for the SES tutoring program?

Registration forms will be available at your child's school and at various distribution sites around Boston during our enrollment period (October 6 - October 31, 2008), including:

East Zone Family Resource Center (F.R.C.)
Campbell Resource Center
1216 Dorchester Avenue
Dorchester, MA 02124
617-635-8015
Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM

West Zone F.R.C.
Barron Building
515 Hyde Park Avenue
Roslindale, MA 02131
617-635-8040
Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Family & Student Engagement Training Center
443 Warren Street
Dorchester, MA 02124
617-635-7750
Mon & Wed: 8:30 AM- 7:30 PM
Tues, Thur & Fri:
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

East Boston Satellite F.R.C.
Umana Middle School Academy
312 Border Street
617-635-9597
East Boston, MA 02128
Tuesdays, 8:30 AM - 5 PM

North Zone F.R.C.
Madison Park Complex
55 Malcolm X Boulevard
Roxbury, MA 02118
617-635-9010
Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5 PM

Allston/Brighton Satellite F.R.C.
Jackson/Mann Elementary School
40 Armington Street
Allston, MA 02134
617-635-5153, ext. 23
Tuesdays: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Who provides the free SES tutoring?

During the registration process, eligible families may select from a list of providers approved by the State. Providers offer tutoring services in various subject areas and to students in various grade levels. See the list of providers for details. Please note that tutoring services may be provided at your child's school or at another location.

What questions should I consider when selecting a tutoring program provider?

- What is my child's area of academic need (math, reading, and/or writing)?
- On which days of the week is the program offered?
- When does the program begin and end each day?
- When will the program begin in the fall? When will the program

- end next spring?
- Will my child receive one-on-one instruction or be placed in a small group for instruction?
- Who will be instructing my child? What are the qualifications of the staff?
- Where will the services be provided? How will my child get to the location? (Remember, transportation is not provided)
- How will the provider address the needs of students with disabilities or students whose first language is not English?
- Do I need Internet access to receive these services?

Can my child participate in more than one program?

Students are expected to begin and complete the tutoring program with the same provider. It is important to choose the provider carefully to meet the needs of your family. However, if the program you selected does not meet your expectations, there will be an opportunity to change programs during a three-week period in January. After January, no further program transfers are allowed.

If my child needs help in both math and reading, can I choose one provider for math and another for reading?

No, your child can receive SES tutoring from only one provider. In this case, it would be better to choose a provider who can tutor in both math and reading.

What are the attendance requirements in SES tutoring programs?

Any student enrolled in a tutoring program must attend every session. Any child who is absent for five consecutive sessions will be removed from the program.

Whom should I call if I have more questions?

- Contact any one of the service providers listed on the Quick Reference Guide for further information.
- For general questions about the free SES tutoring program, please call Steve Desrosiers in the BPS Office of Accountability, 617-635-6810.
- Visit the BPS website: www.bostonpublicschools.org, and click on Resources → For Families
- Visit the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website: www.doe.mass.edu/ses/

Quick Registration Checklist:

When choosing three providers for your child be sure that the providers you choose:

- Serve the grade level your child is in (Some providers do not serve all grade levels).
- Offer tutoring in the subject areas that are challenging for your child.
- Offer tutoring in your child's native language (When applicable).
- Serve the special needs of your child (When applicable).

Before returning the form to your child's school, have you:

- Filled out all requests for information?
- Included a reliable phone number where you can be reached?
- Selected the subject(s) you would like your child to receive tutoring in this year?
- Chosen three different providers for your child?
- Signed and dated the registration form?

Please return the registration form to your child's school as soon as possible. No applications will be accepted for the program after October 31, 2008.