



Office of Accountability 2011-2012

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 7, 2011

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.

Carol R. Johnson
Superintendent

**Please fill out and return a registration form to your child's school by
Friday, October 7, 2011.**

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Tutoring Provider Sheet

TUTORING SERVICE PROVIDERS	PROGRAM AREAS	GRADES SERVED	TUTORING LOCATION	FOREIGN LANGUAGES SERVED	SPECIAL NEEDS SERVED	TUTORING HOURS PER WEEK	TUTORING HOURS PER YEAR	DAYS OF OPERATION	TUTORING FORMAT
A+ IN HOME TUTORING Contact: Linda Off Phone: 888-540-5556	Reading, Math	K-12	In-Home	Spanish, Call for details	Yes	2-4 hours	25 (+) hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one
A to Z IN HOME TUTORING Contact: Lynn Christy & Valerie Meyer Phone: 866-505-2869 x304	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	In-Home, Community sites	Call for details	Mild learning disabilities	2-4 hours	25 (+) hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one
ACHIEVE HIGH POINTS, INC. Contact: Darcy Asher, Devina Singh Phone: 1-877-737-6252	Math	3-12	On-Line Tutoring	Spanish	Call for details	4 hours	30-35 hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one Online
ACHIEVE TUTORING Contact: John Kupris Phone: 617-818-7284	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	Home & 47 Winter Street, Boston, MA	Spanish, Portuguese	Dyslexia, Autism	2 hours	29 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-one home / Small Group
ALLIANCE FOR INCLUSION AND PREVENTION Contact: Robert Kilkenny, Meg Smith Phone: 617-469-0074	Reading, Writing, Math	6, 7, 8	Irving Middle School, Frederick Pilot Middle School	None currently	Learning and emotional disabilities	4 hours	46 hours	Mon-Sat	Group
AMERICA SCORES (New England) Contact: Richard Sheward Phone: 617-265-0066 xt:159	Reading, Writing, Math	3,4,5	Student's School	Call for details	Call for details	3 hours	60 hours	Mon-Fri	Group
A.C.L.C. Contact: Denise Jeter Phone: 617-287-2332	Reading, Writing, Math	K-8	Business, School, Community Center, Place of worship	Call for details	Mild to moderate learning disabilities	2-3 hours	31-Individual / 41-Group	Mon-Sat	One-to-one / Group
A TREE OF KNOWLEDGE Contact: Brandon Edwards Phone: 866-698-6537	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	In-home, Local library	Spanish	Yes	2-6 hours	25(+) hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one
BEAR PAW TUTORS Contact: Rob Trujillo Phone: 401-489-2976	Math	K-12	In-home, School, Community Center	Spanish	None currently	3 hours	30 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-One
BELL-BUILDING EDUCATED LEADERS FOR LIFE Contact: Pam Aiden Phone: (617) 282-1567, xt.134	Reading, Writing, Math	K2-5	Holland, Kenny, Mather, Mattahunt, Tobin, Trotter	Call for details	Call for details	8 hours	51 hours	Mon-Fri	Group
BOSTON LEARNING CENTER Contact: Peter Terry Phone: 617-428-0990	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	89 South Street, Suite LL01 Boston, MA 02111	Spanish, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Cantonese, Mandarin	Mild to moderate learning disabilities	2-3 hours	40 hours	Call for details	One-to-one/ Group
BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS Contact: Maureen Harris Phone: (617) 635-9414	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	Student's School	Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese, Portuguese, Somali	All special needs served	4 hours	60 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
BRAINFUSE ONE TO ONE TUTORING Contact: Alex Szudzen Phone: (866) 272-4638	Reading, Writing, Math	3-12	On-Line Tutoring	Spanish	Call for details	2-3 hours	40 hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one On- line
CMECC THRIVE, LLC Contact: Paula Nelson Phone: (617) 282-9700	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	Home, Library, Church, Community Center, School	Cape Verdean, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Spanish, Somali, Vietnamese	ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia, Language based, Reluctant learners	2-4 hours	39 hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one / Group
CATAPULT LEARNING Contact: Katie Santos Phone: (401) 316-7921	Reading, Math	K-8	Shelburne Community Center, 2730 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119-1404	All Languages	Call for details	4 hours	35 hours	Mon-Thu	Group
CITIZEN SCHOOLS Contact: Erin Driesbach Phone: (617) 695-2300 xt 1221	Writing, Math	5-8	Edwards Middle School, Irving Middle School, Dever- McCormack Middle School, Orchard Gardens	Call for details	Call for details	10-12 hours	72 hours	Mon-Thu	Group

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CLUB ZI IN HOME TUTORING SERVICES Contact: Stephanie Mitchell Phone: 888-434-2582	Reading, Math	K-12	School, Home, internet, other	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
EDUCATE ONLINE Contact: Janice Flores Phone: 866-983-3822	Reading, Math	3-12	School, Home, internet, Other	Call for details	Call for details	2-4 hours	36 hours	Mon-Sun	One-to-one, On-line
GENERATIONS INCORPORATED Contact: Chrissy Holt Phone: (617) 423-5545	Reading	K-4	School, Community Centers, Boys & Girl's Clubs including South Boston, Blue Hill and Roxbury and St. Stephen's After School Program	Call for details	None currently	2-4 hours	40 hours	Mon-Thu	One-to-one
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS Contact: Mike Morone Phone: 585-286-1579	Reading, Math	K-8	Schools, Community Centers	Spanish, Portuguese	ELL, Special Education, 504 plans	3-5 hours	30 hours	Mon-Sat	Small Group / On-line
GREENWOOD SHALOM OUTREACH COMMUNITY, INC. Contact: Tanna Preston Phone: (617) 282-1464	Reading, Writing, Math	K-10	378A Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02124	Spanish, Haitian Creole	ADD, ADHD, Asperger's and language based disability	2-4 hours	77 hours	Mon-Thu	One-to-one / Group
LEARN-IT SYSTEMS Contact: Deborah Picard Phone: 617-822-0028	Reading, Math	K-8	School, Community sites	Spanish, English, Haitian Creole	ADD, ADHD	3 hours	45 hours	Mon-Sat	Group
New England Tutorial Services Contact: Mohamed Guled Phone: 617-869-3132	Math	2-8	70 Warren Street Roxbury MA 02119 & 203-205 Green Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130	Somali, Arabic, Swahili, Amharic	None currently	4 hours	45 hours	Mon-Sat	One-to-one
NON-PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (NESI) Contact: Robert Warner Phone: 978-741-7161 xt.240	Reading, Writing, Math	1-12	Student's School	Spanish	None currently	2 hours	60 hours	Mon-Fri	Small Group / Medium Group
PINNACLE LEARNING CENTER Contact: Steven Shapiro Phone: (781) 828-2800	Reading, Writing, Math	K-12	School, Place of Worship, Community Center, Other	Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, French, Creole, Japanese,	ADD, ADHD, Asperger's, Non-verbal learning disability, Short-term memory loss	3-5 hours	38-One-to-one 66-Small Group	Mon-Sun	One-to-one / Group
SMARTIES TUTORING Contact: Isak Aronson Phone: 617-861-8318	Reading, Writing, Math	K-8	School, Place of Worship, Community Center, Other	Spanish	ADD, ADHD, Asperger's, Visually impaired	3-6 hours	60 hours	Mon-Sat	Small Group
SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER Contact: Nicole Morse Phone: 617-264-4150	Reading, Math	K-12	1626 Beacon Street, Brookline	Call for details	Call for details	2-6 hours	25 hours	Mon-Sat	Small Group / One to one
TENACITY, INC. Contact: Gary Phillips Phone: (617) 562-0900	Reading	6,7,8	Jackson Mann, Edison, Washington Irving, Lila G. Frederic, McCormack, Umama Middle School Academy	Spanish	Call for details	4-5 hours	60 hours	Mon-Thu	One-to-one / Group
THE YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON Contact: Joanne Russo Phone: (617) 927-8250	Reading, Writing, Math	K-5	School, Roxbury YMCA, Dorchester YMCA, Huntington Avenue YMCA	Call for details	Call for details	4 hours	80 hours	Mon-Fri	Group

A+ IN HOME TUTORING

A+ In Home Tutoring provides highly individualized tutorial services to all students grades K-12 in reading and mathematics and services are designed to meet the educational needs of all students including students with disabilities and English Language Learners. Services are provided one-on-one in students' homes to maximize achievement results. There is no transportation requirement and parents decide the days and times of tutoring. Sessions take place 1-2 times per week and session length ranges from 1-2 hours as determined by parent/guardian preference. The A+ In Home Tutoring program has proven to be effective especially with underachieving students with average increases in mastery around 20% from start to finish of the program.

A to Z IN HOME TUTORING

A to Z in Home Tutoring provides one-on-one instruction to students K-12 in the convenience of their home or location of choice. Each student receives personally tailored curriculum based on results of his or her pre-assessment. We are careful to match the best tutors to your child's unique needs. Our local, highly qualified tutors work out a schedule that best fits your family. Tutoring sessions vary; a typical week is two sessions lasting from 1 to 2 hours per session for a total of 2 to 4 hours per week. These session times are based on the age and ability of your child. As one of the largest providers of No Child Left Behind tutoring, we are very experienced, yet have a personalized approach to the achievement of your child.

ACHIEVE HIGH POINTS

Online MATH tutoring program for grades 3-12 aligned to Massachusetts state standards. **Achieve HighPoints** helps students reach grade level proficiency and achieve higher state test scores. Available from home 7 days a week using the **FREE laptop** provided *for program use*, our platform provides students with the flexibility to learn on their own schedule. No fighting Boston weather or traffic. Students work at their own pace as they complete the expected 3-4 hours of tutoring per week. Proven track record: 82.5% of students who complete program improve math grade in school. (Source: 2009 Independent Study by the University of Georgia). Finish the 30-35 hour program and see an average 15 point increase in test scores.

ACHIEVE TUTORING

Achieve delivers the individualized instruction students need to reach their highest potential. We develop an individual program for each student, aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, in order to advance the student one grade level, after intense interventions. We specialize in working with all students, including those with disabilities and English language learners. Our goal is to accelerate the academic **achievement** of all students, including: at-risk, unmotivated, and disengaged students. Our Saturday morning sessions are designed for the disengaged learner - helping them to become proactive learners who **achieve** academic success. We offer in-home tutoring. We also offer group instruction in our centrally located classrooms at 47 Winter Street, Boston (Downtown Crossing and Park Station). **Achieve** has an experienced staff of instructors for students K-12.

ALLIANCE FOR INCLUSION AND PREVENTION

Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention (AIP) has partnered with the Boston Public Schools for the past 15 years to promote school success and help to close the achievement gap through high quality out-of-school time academic and enrichment activities. AIP fosters student achievement through one-on-one and small group tutoring after school in Reading, Writing and Math. AIP's SES program operates in two Boston Public Schools: Washington Irving Middle School and Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School.

AMERICA SCORES (New England)

America SCORES New England uses the unique combination of soccer, writing, creative expression, and service-learning to teach literacy skills and math in the Boston Public Schools. The research-based "Power of Poetry" and "Writing for the Community" curricula offer a balance of creative writing, structured lessons in poetic forms, expository writing, and research. SCORES also uses the ETA/Cuisenaire After School Math program that is aligned with state and local standards. SCORES seeks to serve the whole child with a balanced offering of literacy support, math and character building. SCORES students attend after school programs for a minimum of ten hours per month throughout the school year. Services are delivered by Boston Public School teachers. Parents will receive periodic progress reports and our staff is available to meet to discuss student progress.

A.C.L.C.

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.

A TREE OF KNOWLEDGE

A Tree of Knowledge Educational Services, Inc. (ATOK) provides tutoring for K-12 students in reading, mathematics, and English language arts. Our desire is to groom the character and learning abilities of our students in order to help them meet and conquer the challenges of their educational career. Our staff identifies an academic need in students and works diligently to bring learners to grade level proficiency through high quality instruction, 1 on 1 and small group settings, and motivational support.

BEAR PAW TUTORS

BearPaw Tutors has been Brown University alumni-owned and operated since 2008. Over the course of 3 years of SES instruction, we have provided one-on-one, individualized math tutoring to over 500 students across New England. Through our individualized instruction, our students realize an average grade-level growth of two years. Our goals at BearPaw are simple: to provide each student enrolled in our program with the supplementary mathematical enrichment needed to perform well academically, and to expose each student to a world outside their own. Every successful student, from every walk of life, has working for them a support network cultivated

over the course of their formal education. It is our hope that, in some way, our motivated staff of tutors can provide that initial stepping stone for our students.

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 LEARNING CENTER

Boston Learning Center has provided tutoring to students in Boston and beyond for 30 years. We offer SES tutoring at your child's school or in your home for students in grades K-12. Our program features individualized instruction designed to meet the academic needs of each student. We hire tutors who are fluent in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese and Mandarin as well as English, to facilitate communication with parents.

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. Teachers assess each student at the beginning of the program and use that information to inform their instruction. Parents meet with teachers three times during the year to discuss their child's progress.

BRAINFUSE ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING

With Brainfuse, students and tutors communicate in real-time using an online classroom. Brainfuse is available from any computer with internet access. The tutors are experienced educators who undergo a rigorous certification process, including background and reference checks as well as multiple interviews, skills testing, and extensive training. Progress reports are regularly provided (in the parent's native language at the parent's request).

CMECC THRIVE, LLC

CMECC THRIVE, LLC (fka C & M Educational Connections and Consulting (CMECC)) provides rigorous customized tutoring in reading, writing and or math. Our program is academic-based, engaging and student-directed with hands-on practices for improving learning across the curriculum. All students are pre-tested, which enables CMECC to construct the most suitable individualized student learning plan, continuously assessed throughout the program to ensure academic success, and post-tested to measure academic growth. CMECC THRIVE distinguishes itself as a team of highly qualified, professional and dedicated instructors, who are trained to implement its curriculum to accelerate the academic achievement of all students. We offer in-home tutoring, as well as sessions at local community sites, libraries and schools. Our aim is to help each student achieve his or her full potential as proactive independent learner.

CATAPULT LEARNING

Catapult Learning provides intensive small group tutoring in Math or Reading. Our programs help students earn better grades, build confidence, and increase self-esteem. Expectations for student behavior and participation are clear and consistent. Students are enthusiastically focused on the lesson and engaged in activities designed to increase student achievement. Our trained teachers have a professional appearance and a welcoming, positive, enthusiastic attitude.

Catapult Learning will provide students in Boston with:

- Qualified, experienced, and dedicated Teachers
- Small group instruction with a maximum of 10 students per teacher
- Two to four 90-120 minute sessions per week
- Convenient delivery at your students' school
- Afterschool
- Pre and Post Assessment
- Individual Student Learning Plans to fit the individual needs of students
- Parents and Administrators updated regularly with student progress

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!, the nation's largest supplemental services provider, offers one-on-one, in-home and small group tutoring instructed by either state certified teachers or degreed professionals. Club Z! matches tutors to students based on individual academic needs and personality. Club Z! provides tutoring in reading and/or mathematics to all students grades K-12 including special education students and English Language Learners. The Club Z! program offers sessions 1-3 times per week for a total equal to the student allocation divided by our approved hourly rate. Session length varies from 1-2 hours depending on student age and need. Students who complete the Club Z! SES program show an average of one year's growth, so start your child on the road to academic success by joining Club Z! today!

EDUCATE ONLINE

Educate Online offers live, individualized, at home tutoring through its easy-to-use online classroom. The Educate 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 laptop provided by Educate Online. Students earn the right to keep their laptop by completing the full program (as determined by district/provider agreements). Parents choose their child's schedule which are available seven days a week and are taught by U.S. state-certified teachers.

Student demonstrated achievement gains on average of a year's academic growth with 26 hours of tutoring.

GENERATIONS INCORPORATED

Generations Incorporated's SES program is a structured one-on-one literacy program that provides services to K-4th grade students in Boston Public Schools. Our tutors are trained older adult community residents who care about children's literacy. It supports the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks with a focus on reading comprehension and vocabulary building. The program builds on important reading skills while also creating a love of reading and strong intergenerational relationships. Tutors meet with each student two or three times a week for 40 minutes using our Reading Coaches model.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

Global Partnership Schools (Global) offers high-quality small group tutoring that promotes achievement and growth. Our certified teachers begin each session with a healthy snack and KidTalk, where teachers and students share ideas on success. Our tutoring targets important skills and strategies using research-based lessons, frequent monitoring and online technology practice (Which may also be accessed outside of class time with web access).

GREENWOOD SHALOM OUTREACH COMMUNITY

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.

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.

NEW ENGLAND (NE) TUTORIAL SERVICES

NE Tutorial Service provides a focused student learning program developed through strong collaboration with the student, the tutor, and the student's primary daytime teachers. We tutor students from low income families, migrant students, and students with limited English proficiency. We provide bilingual tutors in **Somali, Swahili, Amharic, and Arabic**. Our tutoring takes place after school (afternoons and evenings), on weekends, during the summer, and during school vacations. We provide individual instruction as well as small-group instruction (3-5 students per tutor).

NON-PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

NESI's tutoring program focuses on reading, language arts and mathematics using highly qualified and caring teachers. NESI believes the key to effective tutoring is the maintenance of small group learning environments with a maximum 1.5 teacher-student ratio. Each child's individual academic plan is carefully constructed using diagnostic information and parent input and instruction is designed to address student needs. Parents receive monthly progress reports and frequent contact with our staff. NESI's tutoring program is available before and after school. NESI's program has a 33-year history of proven positive results with over 6,800 students served in 79 school districts in 8 states for the 2010/11 school year.

PINNACLE LEARNING CENTER

Pinnacle Learning is a locally owned and operated provider of private, one on one tutoring services in reading, writing and math. Pinnacle tutors come to you - anywhere in Boston! Our tutors will visit your child at your home, your child's school, or your local community center. Pinnacle's programs are designed to help students achieve and go beyond Massachusetts learning standards. Our highly experienced, MA certified teachers are trained to use the most current materials and teaching techniques to help students achieve growth. 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. Our teachers know the proper way to motivate your child to succeed in school and beyond!

SMARTIES TUTORING SERVICES

Smarties Tutoring Services has tutored over 2500 students in English Language Arts and Math using a program comprised of engaging small-group tutoring and an individualized, dynamic online curriculum. Our program is extremely successful. Four out of five students improve their test scores by over 10% and more than half increase by over 25%. Our programs meet 2-4 days/week for 1.5-2 hours. Our classes are taught by experienced teachers who are enthusiastic about helping children improve their math and literacy skills. We make every effort to challenge and motivate students to maximize their potential. Smarties recognizes that each child is unique, and we strive to meet the specific needs of each of our students. We foster success by expecting rigorous work, while supporting students as they strive to meet our expectations.

SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER

Sylvan Learning Center's approach to improving academic achievement is based on identifying each student's needs, and creating an individualized plan. This plan is delivered using personalized instruction and motivation, which allows for targeted educational assistance to students where they need it most. Sylvan Learning's trained and qualified teachers guide each student through his or her own personalized plan. Parents receive updates regarding their child's progress and Sylvan Learning also communicates with each student's school teacher and district. Ace it! Tutoring, powered by Sylvan, can deliver services right at a student's school. After an initial assessment, students are placed into groups for instruction where they will benefit from highly trained teachers and peer interaction. Students will enjoy success, and Ace it! provides the extra bit of help to get them there!

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 21st century skills." Tenacity's Middle School Academy (MSA) works in close partnership with five Boston Public Schools to deliver an intensive three-year program designed for "at-risk" middle school students. The MSA integrates reading/literacy support, homework help, 21st century skills development and tennis/physical fitness activities in a structured environment. The MSA is a 30 week program for each of the middle school years for a total of 290 hours per year

THE YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON

The YMCA of Greater Boston SES programming provides tutoring in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Outcomes for students include key skills such as fluency, comprehension, organizational writing, and vocabulary enhancement. In math students expand on skills in operations, finding patterns, fractions, and word problems. Instruction is geared toward personal progress within each youth's individualized learning plan and goals outlined in that plan. Qualified tutors are the providers of SES for the YMCA. Their background, knowledge, and expertise translate to a quality, relevant program promoting the progress of enrolled students. Groups of six to ten students learn together in enthusiastic environments. Youth engage in hands-on activities that promote confidence while developing cognitive skills. Read-alouds, writing prompts, "real-life" math, and challenging "problems" are among activities that keep students focused on learning.

(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/>



Questions & Answers About SES Free Tutoring

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.

How do I know if I qualify for SES tutoring?

You qualify, if :

1. 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
2. Your child is eligible for free or reduced lunch; AND
3. 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 (September 6 – October 7, 2011), 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
617-635-7719
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
Thursdays, 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 K-8
40 Armington Street
Allston, MA 02134
617-635-8532, ext. 222
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 one provider. It is important to choose the provider carefully to meet the needs of your child. 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 December. After December, 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/