

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Frequently Asked Questions

Public Law 107-110 *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) requires annual testing to measure student progress in reading and math. Schools are required to meet annual objectives for student performance, known as Adequate Yearly Progress or AYP. Schools that do not meet the Virginia Department of Education standard for AYP for three consecutive years are required to provide educational support for certain students. NNPS is offering SES to eligible students in Title I schools in year 1 of school improvement (a year earlier than the law normally requires) instead of offering public school choice (PSC) options to students in those schools. The following information explains the supplemental educational services that are available for eligible families at Palmer Elementary School.

1. WHAT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES)?

SES is free, extra academic help that the school division is providing to your child to help improve his or her academic performance. SES must take place outside of regular school hours. The school division pays the cost of the academic help to the SES provider.

2. WHEN WILL SES BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS?

SES will be offered to students starting in fall 2011 and throughout the school year.

3. CAN EVERY STUDENT RECEIVE SES?

Eligible students are all students from low-income families who attend Title I schools that are participating in the reversal waiver, in their second year of School Improvement, in corrective action, or restructuring. Under federal law, the school division will serve all eligible students as funding

4. HOW WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE SES?

SES providers offer a variety of services. Some providers offer web-based (Internet) services, some come to the student's home, and others provide services at school or other community buildings.

5. HOW DO I SELECT AN SES PROVIDER?

Review the enclosed selection form, which lists providers from the state approved list. Then select a provider that serves your child's grade level and provides instruction in the area in which your child needs help to pass the state Standards of Learning (SOLs) tests, particularly in English, mathematics or reading. As you make your selections, consider how the services will be delivered; some services such as web-based tutoring (Internet) will require your child to have access to a computer with an Internet service to receive the assistance.

6. HOW CAN I GET HELP IN SELECTING A PROVIDER?

The SES facilitator at your child's school is available to assist you in choosing an SES provider that will best meet the needs of your child. You may contact the SES facilitator at your child's school. See the application form for contact information.

7. WHAT ARE THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SES?

The parent or guardian is responsible for assisting the SES provider and the school in the development of specific academic achievement goals and ensuring attendance at the scheduled sessions after he or she is enrolled in the SES program, and the parent is responsible for providing transportation, if necessary. NNPS will *not* pay for or provide transportation costs.

8. HOW DO I SIGN UP MY CHILD FOR SES?

Write your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for SES providers from the list on the Academic Tutoring Application (next page), and return this sheet to the school.

9. WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING?

If you decide you want your child to receive SES, please mail or bring this form to the school office as soon as possible.