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No Child Left Behind Fact Sheet

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, parents are guaranteed important insight into their children's education, the professional qualifications of their teachers, and the quality of the schools they attend. It ensures that parents have the information they need to make well-informed choices for their children, more effectively share responsibility with their children's schools, and help those schools develop effective and successful academic programs.

Among NCLB's important programs is Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for Title I Schools, which ensures that students who attend schools "in need of improvement" get the extra help they need. SES can include one-on-one tutoring sessions and other academic enrichment services such as skill-building activities, and computer-based instruction that is provided in addition to the regular school day. SES provides extra help programs free of charge to meet your child's learning needs and build upon ideas introduced at school. This extra help can improve your child's confidence and self-esteem.

Judging by test scores and student performance records, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) identifies schools that are not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Students who attend Title I schools that are identified as year two schools are eligible for SES. Contact your child's school district's central office to find out if your child qualifies. Students who need the most academic help get top priority. Ask your child's school for low-cost tutoring options if your child is not eligible for SES.

SES must take place before or after school, on the weekend or during the summer, so it does not interfere with the regular school day. All SES providers have gone through an extensive application process and are listed on the MSDE website of approved providers for SES (www.marylandpublicschools.org). If your child is eligible for SES, you have the right to choose the provider that best suits your child's needs. Depending on where you live, you may have many choices, or just a few. SES will be provided at no cost as long as the school remains "in need of improvement."

If a school is identified as "in need of improvement", it does not mean that the school is not a good school. In fact, the school could be high-performing on the average, but needs to work on improving its performance in one area, such as reading for English language learners.

For more information on Supplemental Educational Services and other educational topics, please visit www.mdpirc.org or contact the Maryland State Parental Information and Resource Center (MD PIRC).