

Parents:

Why are Supplemental Educational Services (SES) important to students? Research suggests that quality tutoring can benefit students in a number of ways, including:

- **Improving student work habits.** By building on the learning that takes place during the school day, tutoring can help students improve planning, organizing and the way they approach learning, projects and assignments.
- **Personalization.** Since instruction is delivered individually or in small groups, tutoring provides for immediacy of feedback. SES requires the development of an Individual Student Learning Plan (ISLP) that builds on student strengths at their individual learning pace.
- **More time-on-task.** Tutoring allows students to receive additional help and reinforcement for learning skills and provides additional opportunities to practice the application of information.
- **Meeting specific student needs.** Tutoring can offer students individual attention to help them learn in different and perhaps more effective ways in a smaller group environment. A tutor also provides an additional academic interaction focused on the individual student.
- **Reducing non-productive or risky behaviors.** Tutoring offers students a safe, supportive environment after school and can help them make productive use of their time.
- **Improving social and behavioral skills.** Tutoring programs can support students develop confidence that helps them in the classroom. They can become better communicators, make positive social and behavioral adjustments, form better relations with peers, and exercise more effective conflict-resolution strategies.
- **Increased ability to manage one's own learning.** As competency grows, confidence in academic performance increases. This is often seen in a positive shift in attitude toward the content area and school in general.
- **SES tutoring is free and providers are selected by parents.** Parents are the experts on the needs of their children. When a school is underperforming, parents have the right to seek additional educational support for their child. SES is free to income eligible families.
- **Quality SES Providers.** The state has a wide variety of approved providers who are rigorously screened. Parents may select a provider who best meets their child's needs.

Parents: You are allowed to select the provider that best meets the academic needs of your child. Please see the posted list on this website, pick up a list of providers at the school, or go to:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/title1/program/ss/providers/apprv-1011>