

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

The following questions and answers may help you understand more about SES.

1. What are Supplemental Educational Services (SES)?

SES are tutoring sessions offered outside the regular school day – usually before or after school, on weekends, or in the summer.

2. Who may receive SES?

The federal law states that only low-income students, those on free or reduced lunch, attending a Title I building in School Improvement are eligible for SES. If we cannot provide SES for all requests submitted, priority is given to the lowest achieving of these students.

3. Who does the tutoring?

Organizations apply to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be a provider on Missouri's list. After the review process, the list of approved SES/tutoring providers is updated. The list of providers may change from year to year. Enclosed is a list of current SES providers serving our area with a brief summary of their services.

4. Who pays for the tutoring?

The school district/LEA will pay for the tutoring. Each child will receive an average of 40 to 60 hours of tutoring during the school year, depending on the fees charged by the provider the parents request.

5. Who decides on which SES provider my child will have?

Parents choose from the state's list of approved providers, and we try to meet your first choice. An agreement must be reached and signed by all parties – the school district, provider, and parents – before services can begin.

6. When does the tutoring begin?

It will begin as soon as possible in the first semester after the agreement is signed by all parties.

7. Are the tutoring sessions at our school?

Some may be, and some may not. That is part of the agreement between the school and the provider. If the tutoring is provided on another site, such as a community center, library, or the provider's site, parents may be responsible for transportation.

8. How often and for how many hours will my child be tutored?

The time will vary with different providers. On average, students will have two tutoring sessions a week with each session lasting an hour or two.

9. Can the tutors help a child who has disabilities or is learning English?

Some SES providers have tutors specially trained to work with these children. We will need to check their qualifications.