

Title I, Part A – Supplemental Educational Services

Overview

Under the new Title I, Part A of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (Elementary and Secondary Education Act – ESEA), students from low-income families attending schools that do not make adequate yearly progress for three consecutive years may receive supplemental education services. States are responsible for identifying eligible Supplemental Service Providers (SSPs). Parents choose the SSP for their children from among the providers approved by the State for their school district.

In response to these new requirements, the Louisiana Department of Education, with approval from the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, has established objective criteria to select Supplemental Service Providers for the State-approved List. States must update this list of approved SSPs on an annual basis and must provide a list for school districts of the approved providers in their geographic area.

School districts are required to arrange for the provision of these supplemental education services and must provide parents with information on the availability of supplemental education services, the identity of approved service providers, and at a minimum, a brief description of the services, qualifications, and demonstrated effectiveness of each provider.

What are supplemental educational services?

Supplemental educational services is defined by the United States Department of Education as “tutoring or extra help provided to students in reading, language arts/English, and math. This extra help can be provided before or after school, on weekends, or in the summer.” The No Child Left Behind Act states that these services must be of high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase the academic achievement of eligible children.

What is the state-approved List of Supplemental Educational Services Providers?

Providers that meet the criteria specified by the Louisiana State Department of Education will be included on the state-approved Supplemental Educational Services Provider List. The State Department of Education will post the list, beginning January 1, 2003. The Provider List will be updated on a periodic basis as new providers are identified and meet the qualifications. It will be revised on at least an annual basis. To be included on the approved list of supplemental educational service providers, applicants must have met the following criteria:

- Have a demonstrated level of effectiveness in increasing student academic achievement;
- Be capable of providing supplemental educational services that are consistent with the instructional program of the local educational agency and the state’s academic content standards;
- Provide instruction that is secular, neutral, and non-ideological;
- Be financially sound; and
- Meet all applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and civil rights laws.

What are the different levels of service providers?

Two levels of service providers have been approved: Full Approval and New and Emerging Program. Both categories of supplemental education service providers must have demonstrated that they have met the minimum requirements in each component of the application as judged by a Reviewers’ Panel.

Full approval is for those supplemental education service providers who demonstrated a high level of effectiveness and the ability to provide services immediately.

"New and Emerging" is for those supplemental education service providers who meet the minimum requirements in each component of the application but lack evidence of successful practice. However, all applicants will have provisional approval for one year, must be able to demonstrate the capacity for meeting the minimum requirements, and can be removed for cause.

Who can become an SES Provider?

Providers may be nonprofit entities, for-profit entities, and local education agencies, including public and private schools, after-school centers, cooperative educational service agencies, institutions of higher education, and faith-based organizations.

Links to helpful SES documents, information, and related areas.*

* *To view a document, simply click on its title.*

- [2005-06 Statewide Listing of Current SES Providers](#) (Currently, New Orleans-based SES programs are in the process of getting re-established due to the recent tragedy.)
- [U.S Dept of Education SES Homepage](#)
- [PowerPoint Presentation Highlighting the SES program](#)
- [Supplemental Educational Services: Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)
- [Sample Request for Applicants \(RFA\) desiring to become an SES Provider](#)
- [SES in Action: A Toolkit for Parents and Community Leaders.](#)

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