



October 19, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Subject: **Free Tutoring – Title I Supplemental Educational Services for Jenkins-White Elementary Charter School**

The Georgia Department of Education and the Richmond County School System are working hard to provide programs to help all students achieve academic success. These efforts include implementing the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. This law supports parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and schools working together to raise student achievement.

As part of our efforts to improve student achievement and implement the No Child Left Behind Act, your child may be able to receive **free tutoring** also known as Supplemental Educational Services (SES), provided by State approved providers. **All students who attend schools in their first year of Needs Improvement qualify and may request free tutoring.** If the school system does not have sufficient funds to provide services to all eligible children, priority will be given to those eligible children with the lowest test scores.

If you are interested in SES, **free tutoring**, for your child, please complete the Request for Service Form. Also included are the answers to some frequently asked questions about SES and a list of State approved providers. A short provider description and a Report Card are included for providers to assist you with choosing a tutor to serve your child. The school system will reimburse the provider for their services for your child, up to the maximum amount allowed by law. **Tutoring is not to exceed four hours per week.** A list of State approved providers will also be available at your child's school or by accessing the Georgia Department of Education website, www.doe.k12.ga.us.

Please complete the enclosed form to request free tutoring, SES, for your child. The completed form should be returned to the Title I Office on or before November Friday, 20, 2009. For questions or additional information, contact the **Title I Office at (706) 826-1134.**

In order to help you make a more informed decision about your child's Supplemental Educational Services Provider, we are providing you with a list of frequently asked questions and answers.

Frequently Asked Questions

➤ **Which students are eligible for free tutoring (Supplemental Educational Services)?**

All students, from low-income families, whose schools are required to offer SES are eligible.

All students who attend a school in its first year of Needs Improvement are eligible.

➤ **How much will tutoring cost me?**

Tutoring is **free** for eligible students and will be paid for by the school district's Title I department.

➤ **Where will my child be tutored?**

This depends on the tutor which you choose. Depending on which tutor you select, your child may be tutored at: a school, a local church, community center, a place of business or your home.

➤ **How will my child get to tutoring?**

Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are responsible for getting their child to and from tutoring unless the provider offers transportation.

➤ **Can I select any tutoring provider I want?**

You must select a tutoring provider on the State approved list. You will be provided with a list of the name and telephone number of tutoring providers in your area. You are free to select whichever provider you would like from the State approved list. If you have access to the internet, you can see a complete list of State approved providers by visiting:

<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/support/plan/nclb/providers.asp> and clicking on the "Approved Providers List" link on the right side of the page.

➤ **How do I enroll my child in tutoring services?**

Please complete the [Request for Service Form](#) or call the Title I Office at (706) 826-1134.

➤ **When are the requests for services due in the Title I Office?**

The Title I Office must receive the SES form by **Friday, November 20, 2009**.

This gives you a minimum of 20 school days to request services.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools