

Supplemental Educational Services Information 2011-12

Supplemental Services are tutoring services provided in addition to our regular school day outside of our schools, at churches, libraries, on- line and other locations set up by the providers (tutors).

Why are your children eligible? Because they attend a school which hasn't achieved AYP (Average Yearly Progress) for the last 3 or more years and your child receives free or reduced lunch within his or her school.

Supplemental Services or CHOICE – Information is given to parents early in the school year that their child/children could either choose CHOICE (children would be bussed to another school) or use Supplemental Educational Services.

Children should get the most for the money that is allocated from the state for these services. Any parent can call the provider contact number to have questions answered or contact the school parenting personnel or principal.

The deadline for SES enrollment is February 29, 2012. After the students are assigned, visit with the tutors and make sure that the tutor knows in what areas the child needs help. After services start, you are encouraged to drop in and check to see how your child is doing. It will help you see if your child is receiving the services you hoped.

The amount of allocation per pupil (varies from year to year) and services are paid with federal money. A list has been provided showing the rates charged by the providers per hour. You are encouraged to compare and see the difference in service time. All parents should make the best decision for their child.

Questions You May want to Discuss with your Provider:

- A. Grade levels served? 1 – 5 will be served unless \$ is an issue.**
- B. Type of service- Services should not be done on-line late at night. The district will not approve these services after 10:00 PM at night when children should be sleeping or on any Sunday.**
- C. Disabilities, ELL – Let the provider know if your child has disabilities and make sure they can accommodate.**
- D. Where will the services be provided? There are several locations. Call the provider to ask.**
- E. Transportation? Not provided by the district. Some providers make accommodations for this. Check with them.**
- F. Qualifications of the tutors? If not listed on Scope Of Service, ask.**
- G. Qualifications of the company? Have they done this in other parts of the state?**
- H. Does the provider have to have a minimum number of requests to serve Cherokee County School District? (Number per school) – Some do. If there aren't enough students for the tutor to teach, another tutor you have chosen on your application will be selected for your child. We will select in order as the parent has listed them.**

- I. Ask the provider how many sessions per week? How many weeks? What if my child missed several sessions? No more than 2 hours per day. 3 concurrent sessions missed will dismiss your child from the tutoring program unless they are able to make up. No Sundays or school holidays.
 - J. Will there be sessions on Saturday? Make-up sessions? Some providers will do this. Ask the provider you are choosing
 - K. Ask: What is the student-teacher ratio and will my child get individual attention?
 - L. How will the student be grouped for instruction?
 - M. How is my child's progress communicated to parents? To my child's teacher?
 - N. Why do I need to put 3 choices? Services will start more quickly in case the provider you chose first cannot serve your child for some reason.
 - O. If my child needs a computer for the service, will the provider supply it? Yes, some do provide computers, but not all do. You would need to ask or read literature.
 - P. Is the provider responsible for the safety of my child? (Supervision) Visit the provider site if possible. See if it seems to be a safe environment.
 - Q. How do the providers get paid? They will send an invoice with time sheets and signatures to the school district office.
 - R. A provider may not offer financial incentives or gifts to a student or student's parent to get them to enroll. If someone does, they are breaking the law.
 - S. Who can help me use the scope of service and try to decide which provider best meets my need? Your school parenting coordinators, your school principal, or your school parenting assistants, or the Title I Coordinator at the Cherokee County Administrative Office.
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Value of Services:

Amount of money provided by state for tutoring services per child FREE TO YOUR CHILD (\$1132.10 value-This amount varies from year to year)	
At the above rate, the provider (tutor) charges the following amount to the District:	# of hours of service to your child: (20 hour minimum is required)
\$60.00 per hour	20 hours
\$55.00 per hour	20 hours
\$50.00 per hour	22 hours
\$45.00 per hour	25 hours
\$40.00 per hour	28 hours
\$35.00 per hour	32 hours
All services are provided in Blacksburg and Gaffney or on-line. Locations will usually be in our county libraries, community centers, and other nearby facilities. Check with your provider for your child's tutoring location.	