

MUSCOGEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title I Department
1120 Bradley Drive
Columbus, GA 31906

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Department of Education and your local school are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed. These efforts include implementing the No Child Left Behind Act. 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 No Child Left Behind, your child may be able to receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Your child may be eligible to receive SES, which is free tutoring provided by State-approved providers. **Only parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of students who qualify to receive free or reduced priced meals may request SES.** 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 for your child, please complete the attached "Request for Services Form." Also, included are the answers to some frequently asked questions about SES and a list of State-approved providers with a short description of each to assist you with choosing a provider to serve your child. The same list is available at your child's school and on the Georgia Department of Education website, www.doe.k12.ga.us. The school system will reimburse the provider for their services to your child, up to the maximum amount allowed by law, which is \$1,396.79.

Please complete the enclosed form to request SES for your child and return it to your child's school by November 20, 2007.

For questions or additional information, contact Anne Gemes, Title I Department, 1120 Bradley Drive, Columbus, GA 31906, phone (706) 748-2103. There are several providers to choose from, please feel free to ask questions to ensure that you make an informed decision.

Please remember that the school or the Title I Department must receive the SES form by November 20, 2007. This gives you a minimum of 20 school days to request services.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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

All students from low-income families whose school is required to offer SES. In Muscogee County the schools required to offer SES this year are Baker, Eddy, and Marshall Middle Schools.

❖ **How much will tutoring cost me?**

Tutoring is free for eligible students and will be paid for by the school district.

❖ **Where will my child be tutored?**

Depending on which tutor you select, your child may be tutored at: a local 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 from the State-approved list. Enclosed is a list of the names and telephone numbers of tutoring providers in your area or you may receive a list from your child's school or the Title I Department. You are free to select whichever provider you would like from the State-approved list.

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

Complete the enclosed "Request for Supplemental Educational Services Form" and return the form to the Title I Department, 1120 Bradley Drive, Columbus, GA 31906 or FAX to (706) 748-2101. You may also return the form to the office of your child's school.

You may contact Anne Gemes if you need assistance at 706 748-2103; or via email at agemes@mcsdga.net. Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.