



A Parent's Guide to: The No Child Left Behind Act: **Supplemental Educational Services**

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student achievement.

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What are Supplemental Educational Services?

Supplemental Educational Services is extra help in academic subjects, such as reading, mathematics, and language arts. These services are free of charge to eligible students and are provided outside of the regular school day—before or after school, weekends, or in the summer?

Wait...What is Title I? What is a school “in improvement status”?

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, who are performing below proficiency, and who are enrolled in Title I schools in the second level of school improvement are eligible to receive free supplemental services.

Who can get these services?

Title I is a federal program that provides financial resources to individual schools or districts. A district's eligibility for Title I funds is based on the number of students reported as living in poverty through the 2000 census data. Schools that do not meet the minimum level of performance and do not make adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years are identified for improvement. The student population as a whole, as well as, certain groups of students, must achieve minimum levels of progress annually.

How do I know if my child is eligible?

Your school district will notify you if your child is eligible for supplemental educational services and also provide you with a list of approved providers. If you think your child might be eligible check with your school principal or the Title I coordinator in your district.





How do I choose my own provider?

Your school district will give you a list of state approved service providers and you need to choose from this list. There are several different types of providers available (from an individual tutor to computer-based instruction). If asked, your school can assist you in choosing the best provider for your child.

What happens after I have chosen my provider?

Your school will contract with the provider for services. You, the provider, and the school staff should meet to discuss and agree on specific goals for your child, set up a schedule for services, and talk about how progress will be measured.

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For more information, please contact any of the following—

- ★ Your local school district
- ★ The South Dakota Parent Resource Network toll free at 1-800-219-6247
- ★ South Dakota Department of Education at 605-773-4716
- ★ The U.S. Department of Education toll free at 1-800-814-6252

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