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## Free Tutoring for Your Child!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Help your child succeed in school. Sign up for free tutoring! This is a great opportunity to help your child in school without any cost to you. As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), your child can receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES)/ academic tutoring to help him or her do better in school.

You can choose a tutoring program that best meets your child's needs from the list of approved SES providers in your area. The program will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school and may help improve your child's academic skills. Research from the federal government has shown that students who participated in this free tutoring program made significant gains in student achievement, and those students who participated in multiple years did even better.

The list of SES providers/tutoring programs gives you a description of each program, qualifications of the tutors and information about each program's effectiveness. It also indicates the programs that serve students with disabilities or limited English proficiency and the languages, other than English, the staff can speak.

When deciding which SES provider/tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to ask these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (school, home, community center, etc.)?
- How often and for how many hours in total will the child be tutored?
- What programs, by grade level and subject, are available for your child?
- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, Internet)?
- What are the tutors' qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has a disability or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from the location where tutoring takes place?

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Please call David LeMay if you have any questions about SES providers/tutoring programs. You may also talk to SES providers via phone. If you would like to select a provider now, you can fill out the enclosed Provider Selection form and mail/send it back to:

Lift For Life Academy

Attn: Federal Programs Coordinator

1731 S Broadway

St. Louis, MO 63104

\*Please indicate your first, second and third choices on the attached SES form.

## Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

### Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

The following questions and answers may help you understand more about SES.

1. **What are Supplemental Educational Services (SES)?** SES are tutoring sessions offered outside the regular school day—usually before or after school, on weekends or in the summer.
2. **Who may receive SES?** The federal law states that only low-income students, those on free or reduced lunch, attending a Title I building in School improvement are eligible for SES. If we cannot provide SES for all requests submitted, priority is given to the lowest achieving of these students.
3. **Who does the tutoring?** Organizations apply to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be a provider on Missouri’s list. After the review process, the list of approved SES/tutoring providers is updated. The list of providers may change from year to year. Enclosed is a list of current SES providers serving our area with a brief summary of their services.
4. **Who pay for the tutoring?** The school district/LEA will pay for the tutoring. Each child will receive an average of 40 to 60 hours of tutoring during the school year, depending on the fees charged by the provider the parents request.
5. **Who decides on which SES provider my child will have?** Parents choose from the state’s list of approved providers, and we try to meet your first choice. An agreement must be reached and signed by all parties—the school district, provider and parents—before services can begin.
6. **When does the tutoring begin?** It will begin as soon as possible in the first semester after the agreement is signed by all parties.
7. **Are the tutoring sessions at our school?** Some may be and some may not. That is the part of the agreement between the school and the provider. If the tutoring is provided on another site, such as a community center, library or the provider’s site, parents may be responsible for transportation.
8. **How often and for how many hours will my child be tutored?** The time will vary with different providers. On average, students will have two tutoring sessions a week with each session lasting an hour or two.
9. **Can the tutors help a child who has disabilities or is learning English?** Some SES providers have tutors specially trained to work with these children. We will need to check their qualifications.

(SES Letter to Parent/Guardian—Provider Selection Form)

Complete the information below and return this for to the Lift For Life Academy office.

**Supplemental Educational Services (SES)**

**Provider Selection Form**

I have reviewed the information about SES/tutoring providers approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. I want my child to receive this free tutoring.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

My choices for SES are:

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Name of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Name of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice Name of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Record of SES PROVIDER SELECTION**

**My choices for SES are:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Choice Name of provider:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Name of provider:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>rd</sup> Choice Name of provider:** \_\_\_\_\_

I returned to \_\_\_\_\_ on

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Parents—Keep this for your records.)