



Fontana Unified School District SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (SES)

9680 Citrus Avenue ♦ PO Box 5090 ♦ Fontana, CA 92334-5090 ♦ (909) 357-5000

September 2, 2009

Dear Fontana Families:

Your child's school has been designated by the California Department of Education and the Fontana Unified School District as a school that is in need of academic improvement. Your child's school has failed to make the required academic progress for at least three consecutive years as mandated by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, and has been identified as a Title I Program Improvement (PI) school. A school must meet two consecutive years of adequate yearly progress before it can exit PI status.

As a result of the school's current PI status, your child may be eligible to receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES) – free tutoring in the areas of Language Arts and/or Math to help your child improve his or her academic performance.

Information about how SES can help your child and what you must do to participate is given below.

- 1. PARENTS CHOOSE SES PROVIDER** – An important part of SES is the right of parents to choose the provider for their children. Parents can decide what is best for their children, but there is no obligation to enroll in SES.
- 2. PRIORITY ENROLLMENT IS FOR LOWEST-ACHIEVING STUDENTS** – If the number of eligible students who apply for the SES program exceeds the financial resources available, the lowest achieving students from low-income families will receive SES first. The achievement level will be based on the statewide assessments and district assessments.
- 3. TRANSPORTATION** – Transportation to and from SES is the responsibility of the parent. The school district does not provide transportation.
- 4. APPLICATION DEADLINE** – If you decide that you want to enroll your child in the SES program, the application must be returned to your child's school office by **Friday, September 25, 2009**. If the application is not received by **September 25th**, your child will not be able to participate in SES.
- 5. NOTICE DATE** – We will notify you by **October 2nd** as to whether or not your child qualifies to participate in the SES program.
- 6. SES PROVIDERS** – The attached providers have been approved by the State of California to provide academic tutoring to the students in Fontana Unified School District:
- 7. PROVIDER FAIRS** – Please attend your schools respective SES Provider Fair in order to learn more about each provider and the services they can provide to your child. SES Provider Fairs will be held at the following locations.

When	Where	Time
Thursday, September 10, 2009	Chaparral Elementary Cafeteria 14000 Shadow Drive Fontana, CA 92337	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 17, 2009	Date Elementary Cafeteria 9011 Oleander Ave. Fontana, CA 92335	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

The Fontana Unified School District is committed to working with our Program Improvement schools to revise their school plans to increase student achievement. Parents can help to improve student achievement at their child's school by becoming involved. Here are some things you can do:

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- Learn more about the new NCLB requirements. Additional information and resources are available at the following Web sites:
 - The California Department of Education, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titleparta.asp> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titlelpf.asp>
 - The U.S. Department of Education, <http://www.ed.gov> and <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=fp>
- Attend School Site Council meetings to assist with required Program Improvement Activities
- Volunteer to help in your child's classroom or in the school's office.
- Participate in parent involvement activities at your child's school. Research shows that strong parental involvement leads to student success at school.

If you have questions about the school's PI status, the SES program, or how you can help the school to improve, please call the Categorical Programs Office at (909) 357-5000, extensions 7227 or 7148.

Sincerely,

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