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Supplemental Educational Services Provider Application Period Re-Opened

The Department of Education Office of Title I Program Planning and Accountability has opened a new application period for organizations interested in serving as supplemental educational services (SES) providers in New Jersey.

The application period begins on Monday, June 27 and closes on Monday, July 18. The Notice of Application is available on the DOE Web site at www.state.nj.us/njded/title1/program/ss/rfp.shtml.

Supplemental educational services, required under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), include tutoring and other academic assistance for students who attend schools receiving Title I funding that did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in terms of their students' scores on the standardized tests administered in grades three, four, eight and eleven.

Schools that do not make AYP must use some of their Title I money to pay for SES services for their students in order to increase their academic achievement. Under *NCLB*, states must identify an array of SES providers so parents and families have a wide variety of choices.

The process by which SES provider applications are submitted in New Jersey generally occurs once a year, usually in December. This year, due to heightened provider interest and requests by districts for a list covering more locations and services, DOE is offering a second opportunity for organizations to apply.

In order to be eligible to submit an application, providers must meet an expanded list of criteria:

- The provider's service area must cover urban, suburban and rural areas. It must be either statewide or cover ten or more specific school districts or seven or more specific New Jersey counties.
- The content program offerings must include both language arts literacy and mathematics.
- The provider must be able to provide services to children in all grades, PreK-12.
- The provider must serve economically disadvantaged children, racial and ethnic minorities and students with disabilities.
- Services must be available at least three of the following four times: Before school, after school, on weekends and holidays and during the summer.
- The student/instructor ratio must not exceed 10:1.

The Title I Office encourages potential applicants to collaborate with other agencies in order to meet the requirements of providing expanded and strengthened services.

In addition to the criteria listed above, potential providers must show evidence of:

- A demonstrated record of effectiveness in improving student academic achievement.
- Documentation that the instructional strategies used by the provider are high quality, based upon research, and designed to increase student academic achievement.
- Evidence that services are consistent with the state academic content standards.
- Evidence that the provider is financially sound.

The current list of approved SES providers is posted on the NJDOE Web site at www.nj.gov/njded/title1/program/ss/search.shtml.

For more information on applying, please email the Title I Office of Program Planning and Accountability at SES@doe.nj.gov

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