

GLOUCESTER CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services under *No Child Left Behind*

The United States Department of Education's (USDE) *Supplemental Educational Services Non-Regulatory Guidance* encourages districts to offer parents supplemental educational services (SES). The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is instituting stricter standards (as permitted by federal law) and requires Title I districts to offer SES. Title I funds (20 percent of the Title I total allocation) must be reserved for the purpose of SES. Therefore, funds are available to support the SES option in Year 2 schools.

- Parental options are one of the four key principles of NCLB. Parents should have at least one NCLB option for their child who attends a Year 2 school.
- Students who participate in SES have additional learning opportunities offered by state-approved providers, increasing their likelihood of increasing academic achievement.
- More parents opt to use SES as opposed to choice.
- Discussions with districts indicate that when students receive additional tutoring provided through SES, it positively impacts student achievement.
- SES may be used through the entire project period (September – August).

In Gloucester City, the balance of our 2010–2011 SES funds has been re-allocated for our extended day program at the Cold Springs School. Through our 21st Century Community Grant, Mary Ethel Costello and the Junior-Senior High School also receive extended day/extended year services.

Supplemental Educational Services Provider Statistics

School Year	SES Providers	Students Eligible for SES	Students Who Utilized SES 2011-2012
2011 - 2012	EIRC REAL Achieve	1037	The 2011-2012 data will be available in August, 2012
2010 - 2011	EIRC REAL	972	89
2009 - 2010	EIRC REAL	928	11