

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Choice
Summary Points
NCLB – January 15-17, 2008

Who is affected?

- ❖ Any district with one Title I school in Level 2 or above of School Improvement (SI).
- ❖ Level 2 – Schools who are able must offer Choice – the opportunity for all students in a Title I SI site to transfer to another school in the district which is not identified for SI. Rural schools who are unable to offer Choice must offer SES
- ❖ Level 3 and up – All Title I schools in improvement must continue to offer Choice, if available, and must also offer SES.

Key Deadlines / Responsibilities

- ❖ NCLB Grant Application – June 30 – All districts with Title I schools in improvement must set-aside an amount equal to 20% (*or a reasonable amount based on previous year spending*)
- ❖ First Day of School – notice must be sent to ALL parents in Title I SI sites that the Choice option is to begin, and to all LOW-INCOME parents that they have the opportunity to select an SES provider for their child.
- ❖ June 30 end of school year – Districts fill out the Final SES/Choice data form, including names and student ID's for all students served with SES funding, how much was spent, which providers were utilized, and what the attendance rate of each child was.

Data Collection and other Issues

- ❖ A District MAY NOT choose a provider for itself. Parents have the final say in provider selection for their child(ren). *Districts must be very careful wording letters and talking to providers not to give the impression the district has 'chosen' or 'allocated funds' to one provider.*
- ❖ Where to get the Numbers – Number of Eligible Choice students should come from the October Count data for that school year.
- ❖ Where to get the Numbers – Number of Eligible SES students should come from the same data forms used on the Title IA site Eligibility Sheet. Only count those students who actually qualified under Title IA. This number should be similar to what is on the Site Eligibility page.
- ❖ Data – Remember that eligible SES students is a SUBSET of eligible choice students, unless you have 100% poverty in your district. Almost every data sheet was incorrect on this point. # of SES students should almost always be SMALLER than # of Choice students.

More Information

- ❖ State Contact for SES/Choice is Sheila Box, 465-8743 /sheila.box@alaska.gov, call or email anytime with questions/comments.
- ❖ Website – www.eed.state.ak.us/nclb/SES.html is the website with SES / Choice information, a screen print of what is contained on the website follows this page.

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Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers/School Choice

- [2007-2008 Application for Supplemental Educational Service Providers](#) - MS Word (Due November 16, 2007)
- [Supplemental Educational Services/Choice 2006-2007 Data Collection](#) - MS Excel
- [Supplemental Educational Services/Choice 2006-2007 Data Collection Instructions](#) - PDF
- [Alaska School District Map](#) - large JPG image (3, 229 KB)
- [Delivering Supplemental Educational Services in Alaska](#) - MS Powerpoint
- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on School Choice / SES](#) - PDF

- [Approved SES Provider List](#)
- [Districts Served by Supplemental Educational Service Providers](#)
- [SES Per Pupil Amounts, Site and District Information](#) - PDF
- [Federal Guidance on Supplemental Services \(June 2005\)](#) - PDF
- [Sample Parent Letter #1 - Single SES Provider Recommended by Parent Group](#) - MS Word
- [Sample Parent Letter #2 - Assisting Individual Parent Choice of SES](#) - MS Word

- [Federal Guidance on Public School Choice \(February 2004\)](#) - MS Word
- [Choice - Sample District/Parent Application](#) - MS Word
- [Choice - Sample District Letter to Parents](#) - MS Word
- [Choice - Sample Principal Letter to Parents of the Receiving School](#) - MS Word
- [US Department of Education Equal Treatment Regulations](#)