



North Carolina Parent Information and Resource Center (NC PIRC)
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Pilot Program in NC offers Statewide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for 2008-2009

The US Department of Education has approved NC's statewide participation in a national pilot program that reverses the order of the first two years of sanctions applied to schools entering into Title 1 School Improvement. For 2008-2009, the pilot includes any districts in the state that expressed interest in participating, as opposed to the eight districts that participated over the past two years. The pilot affects only schools entering into sanctions in 2008-2009, not Title 1 schools already in Title 1 School Improvement.

Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Title 1 schools enter Title 1 School Improvement and face a sequence of sanctions when they do not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the same subject (reading/language arts or mathematics) for two years in a row. The *usual* sequence of services offered is:

- Public School Choice
- Supplemental Educational Services (SES)
- Corrective Action
- Planning for Restructuring
- Restructuring

Beginning this year, there are now two different times that Title 1 schools must begin offering SES or free tutoring. Schools in districts participating in the federal SES pilot program may offer SES in the first year of improvement. As of Aug. 13, 2008 these are the 34 districts that chose to participate: Alamance-Burlington, Bladen, Burke, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Edgecombe, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Hertford, Hoke, Iredell-Statesville, Jackson, Moore, Nash-Rocky Mount, Northampton, Pender, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan-Salisbury, Sampson, Scotland, Transylvania, Union, and Wayne.

Once a Title 1 School begins offering public school choice or SES, it must continue to do so until it is no longer in improvement. The school must make AYP for two years in a row in order to not face sanctions. In public school choice, parents are given the option to transfer their children to another school designated by the district that is not in Title 1 Improvement. Choice is offered to all the students in that particular Title 1 school. However, free tutoring or SES is only offered to economically disadvantaged students, regardless of the level of their academic performance. Source: NC Department of Public Instruction

Do you struggle to find materials for parents that tell them what their options are under No Child Left Behind? We offer these workshops which last approximately one hour:

- *No Child Left Behind*
- *Understanding School Choice*
- *Understanding Supplemental Educational Services*

We also have a *No Child Left Behind Packet* which includes information for parents on school choice, SES, testing and much more...

If you are interested in scheduling a workshop or would like some materials for your school or community group, please call NC PIRC at 704-892-1321 or use our toll free number 1-800-962-6817 and ask for Rita (ext.39) or Cindy (ext. 21). You may also email us at parentpartners@ecacmail.org. If you would like to receive our monthly E-PIC, you may sign up at workshops or conferences, by telephone, email or through our website www.ecac-parentcenter.org.

To learn more about NCLB and School Improvement, try these helpful websites:

North Carolina Public Schools www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/ses
North Carolina SES Service Provider List www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/ses/providers
North Carolina Public Schools Choice www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/schoolchoice
North Carolina Public Schools AYP www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/abcayp
North Carolina Report Cards www.ncreportcards.org