

Availability of Supplemental Education Tutoring Services for Your Child

August 17, 2012

To Parents/Guardians of eligible children enrolled in:

George Morgan Sr. High School (level 5 school improvement)

Zackar Levi Elementary School (level 4 school improvement)

Joseph & Olinga Gregory Elementary School (level 4 school improvement)

Aniak Jr. Sr. High School (level 2 school improvement)

Crow Village Sam School (level 3 school improvement)

Welcome back to School. The federal education law called No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires that schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on state tests in language arts and math. If your child's school is listed above, your school is at School Improvement Level 2 or higher. This means the school will be doing extra planning to find ways to improve student achievement, asking for more participation by parents to help your students succeed, and directing some resources specifically towards school improvement efforts.

School Improvement also means that your child is eligible to receive free tutoring outside of regular school hours under a program called Supplemental Educational Services, or SES. All students who qualify for free and reduced lunch are eligible for this program. As a parent, you have the right to choose from a list of state approved SES providers, and receive tutoring for your child. This year there are three choices for SES tutoring for Kuspuk students: Alaska Learning Labs, Brain Hurricane, and Math Savvy. Because of limited funds, we may not be able to provide services to all families who request it. Priority will be given to sites and students most in need of academic improvement.

Because our school is small, and in a rural area, most providers need a minimum number of students to sign up in order to provide services. If only one or two families choose a provider on the list, that provider may not be able to provide services to your child. To try and help with this problem, the Kuspuk Board of Education has met, and has reviewed the information available on all of the approved SES providers. The Board of Education, upon recommendation of the principals, recommends that eligible students get tutoring from Alaska Learning Labs, to ensure consistent services for everyone. This is the same group that has after school tutoring for the past several years using Kuspuk trained staff. As a parent, you do have the right to choose another provider if you wish.

Please fill out the attached 2012-2013 Supplemental Educational Service Sign-Up Notice and return it to your school. If you need assistance with your decision, please contact Cheryl Jerabek at the Kuspuk District Office, 675-4250, ext 229.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jerabek
Federal Programs Director

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Kuspuk Supplemental Education Service (SES) Provider Information 2012-2013 School Year

The providers will do individualized learning plans and are focused on assisting students to gain proficiency through tutoring. Students with the highest need will be given priority to receive tutoring. There are three choices this year:

**Alaska Learning Labs (SERRC) Juneau/Anchorage, Alaska
(Minimum 15 students needed at site, grades K-12)**

Alaska Learning Labs is an after-school tutoring program for students K-12. Students participate in research-based computer programs and hands-on activities in literacy and math. For grades K-3 the tutoring session is 1 hour/day with a total of 60 hours tutoring for each student, with a limit of 10 students. For grades 4-12 the tutoring session is 1.5 hours per day with a total of 90 hours tutoring for each student, with a limit of 15 students. Local teachers are used as tutors. Reports are provided for parents, principals and districts with pre and post test results. A daily snack is provided; students earn points for daily attendance and for being on-task and then can buy prizes; two parent/family events will be sponsored to support parent involvement in their child's learning.

**Tutoring Provided by Ak Learning Labs: Grades K-3: 60 total hours/student
Grades 4-12: 90 total hours/student**

**Brain Hurricane Chicago, Illinois
(Minimum 4 students within a 3-grade span needed at site, grades K-8)**

Brain Hurricane is an after-school tutoring program for students K-8. Students use interactive activities and lessons to teach math and reading, on computers or in small groups settings. Students are grouped in 3-grade spans with four or more students per group. Tutoring sessions are from 1-4 hours with a total of 27.5 hours tutoring provided for each student. Local staff are used as tutors. Reports are provided for parents and districts with pre and post test results. The program ends with a celebration of learning where students demonstrate what they have learned during the program to parents, tutors, and teachers. Students are awarded prizes for attendance and improved academic performance.

Tutoring Provided by Brain Hurricane: Grades K-8: 27.5 total hours/student

**Math Savvy Institute Detroit, Michigan & Anchorage
(Minimum 5 students needed at site, grades K-12)**

Math Savvy Institute provides Mathematics tutoring to students in grades K-12. Tutoring is done in-person with 34 hours of tutoring for each student. Both individual tutoring (1 student per tutor) and small-group tutoring (3-5 students per tutor) are offered. Local staff are used as tutors. Research-based curriculum from the education publishers Triumph Learning/Coach and ETA Cuisenaire is used with the emphasis on manipulative-based paper-and-pencil curriculum. Progress reports are done every 2 weeks with frequent communication with parents. Monthly workshops to help parents support their student's academic progress are also conducted and parents are given materials to work with their children after tutoring services are complete.

Tutoring Provided by Math Savvy: Grades K-12: 34 total hours/student

Kuspuk schools eligible for SES tutoring: George Morgan Sr. High School, Zackar Levi Elementary School, Joseph & Olinga Gregory Elementary School, Aniak Jr. Sr. High School, and Crow Village Sam School.

2012-2013 Supplemental Educational Service Sign – Up Notice

Student Name(s) _____
School Name _____

As the parent/guardian of the above named student(s), I would like to enroll my child(ren) in afterschool tutoring services.

_____ - YES - Enroll my child in the program recommended by the Kuspuk Board of Education:
Alaska Learning Labs

_____ - OR - Enroll my child in the Brain Hurricane program

_____ - OR - Enroll my child in the Math Savvy program

_____ - NO - I decline these supplemental educational services for my child

I understand that because of limited funds, we may not be able to provide services to all families who request it. Priority will be given to sites and students most in need of academic improvement.

I also understand that the school is not directly involved with scheduling or supervising these services, and that I will have the direct responsibility to work with the SES provider organization. I hereby authorize the release of my child’s school records to the SES provider that I have selected.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parents: Please Return this form to your school by August 27
(Schools: Please send all forms to Cheryl @ the District Office)