

February 5, 2016

Tutoring Opportunity

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a result of the federal *No Child left Behind Act*, our school must offer tutoring services beyond the school day to students eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch who have a need for academic help. These services are called Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and provide additional instruction for students who are eligible and would benefit from further support in meeting their academic goals. These services are skill based and are not designed to help with homework or with organization, but rather to develop and reinforce identified academic skills. Tutoring can only be obtained through providers approved by the Vermont Agency of Education (VTAOE). The cost of these services will be paid for by the Rutland Central Supervisory Union.

The Vermont Agency of Education's approved list of providers is included with this letter. You can also obtain this list through a link on our school's website or by visiting the Vermont Agency of Education website at: http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-SES_Approved_List_for_2014-2015-6-26.pdf.

Other facts about SES include:

- Parents get to choose the provider for their child from Vermont's Approved Providers List.
- Once the provider is chosen, the supervisory union will arrange a contract and goal-setting meeting with the provider to assess and address the specific skill deficits of the student.
- In order to access SES, parents must attend a goal-setting meeting and agree to support the program by assuring student attendance. If SES is needed, it must be a priority for the student and parents.
- SES is free to the parent and will be tailored to meet the academic needs of each individual student.
- SES does cost Rutland Central Supervisory Union (RCSU).
- **Parents must contact the RCSU office and request SES no later than March 1, 2016 in order to be eligible for services.**
- There is a cap on the amount of money per student that RCSU is required to spend on services for any child each year. That cap combined with the rate charged by the provider will determine the number of sessions a student may attend.
- The only students that are eligible for SES are students that are eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch program
- If you have not yet applied for Free and Reduced Lunch, and would like to do so, please contact Shari Tomlinson in the Main Office at (802) 459-3353
- The school is not required to pay for, or provide transportation for students to any provider.
- Providers cannot "select" students based on their learning needs.

Persons eligible and interested in accessing Supplemental Educational Services (SES) must notify RCSU by March 1, 2016. Please contact Adam Rosenberg, Curriculum Coordinator, at 775-4342, ext. 104.

Sincerely,

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