



# *Student Alternatives Program, Inc.*

## *Paso del Norte Academy*

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free Supplemental Education Services (SES) tutoring! This is a great opportunity to help your child succeed in school without any cost to you. As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child can receive academic tutoring to help him or her do better in school.

You may choose a free tutoring program that best meets your child's needs from the list of approved tutoring programs in your area. These programs, which have been approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school and may help improve your child's academic skills.

In the event the number of requests for this free tutoring exceeds the amount of money that Paso Del Norte Charter District has to pay for SES tutoring services, the district must set priorities in order to determine which eligible students will receive the free SES tutoring. If this should occur, the district will have to implement their priorities criteria, and we will use the following criteria: **If funds are insufficient for Paso Del Norte Academy (Mesa Campus) to meet all requests for SES, Paso Del Norte Charter District must give priority to the lowest achieving students from low-income families to determine student eligibility.**

### **Why?**

Research from the federal government has shown that students who participated in this free tutoring program made significant gains in student achievement, and those students who participated in multiple years did even better.

### **When?**

Now – **free** SES academic tutoring is available for eligible students anytime between August 24, 2009 and August 22, 2010.

### **What time?**

You decide – before school, after school, during school holiday or vacation breaks, and/or during the summer.

**Who provides free SES tutoring?**

You decide – attached is a partial list of SES tutors servicing our geographical area. More providers are available, contact Linda Lujan Reister, (915) 532-7216 for more information and assistance.

**SES Sign-up!**

- Call: Linda Lujan Reister, (915) 532-7216
- E-mail: [llreister.pdnamesa@gmail.com](mailto:llreister.pdnamesa@gmail.com)
- Stop by: 711 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday
- Mail: Attn: Linda Lujan Reister, 711 N. Mesa, El Paso, TX 79902

**SES Sign-up deadline:**

Open enrollment – there is no deadline to enroll.

**SES Questions?**

Contact Linda Lujan Reister, (915) 532-7216

**Need additional information?**

Visit <http://www5.esc13.net/ses/index.html>

**Need help deciding?**

When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to ask these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (at school, at home, or at a community center)?
- How often and for how many total hours will your child be tutored?
- What programs, by grade levels and subject areas, are available for your child?
- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, computer-based learning)
- What are the tutors' qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has a learning disability or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from the location where the tutoring will take place?

Thank you for your time.

Maria I. Baquera, Director

Enclosures (3):

Provider Service Area spreadsheet

Provider's one-page summaries

SES State Enrollment form (in applicable language)