
SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Why is OFA participating in this?

In 2003, the federal government passed an act entitled "No Child Left Behind (NCLB)" designed to insure that every student has access to quality educational services. Among the many provisions in NCLB is one that requires schools identified as "in need of improvement" to offer (1) school choice and (2) supplemental education services. Ogdensburg Free Academy was identified several years ago as a "School In Need of Improvement" because less than 95% of "economically disadvantaged" students were tested on the state assessments for two years in a row. That problem has been corrected but OFA remains on improvement status for failure to make adequate yearly progress for two years in a row with our students with disabilities.

What is school choice?

According to NCLB, any school district that has more than one secondary school must offer parents the opportunity to transfer their child to another school in the district. Since Ogdensburg has only one secondary school, Ogdensburg Free Academy, and since none of our neighboring districts has agreed to accept student's tuition free, all secondary students in the district will attend OFA.

What is SES?

SES stands for Supplemental Education Services and is required by federal legislation passed in 2003 called No Child Left Behind (NCLB). New York State certifies eligible service providers and maintains a list of those providers. The list can be viewed by visiting www.emsc.nysed.gov/nyc/SES/ApprovedProviders/SESlst.html and then selecting "Approved SES Providers (by location)". As one of the only service providers in our local area, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES has been chosen as our service provider.

What does St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES offer?

Currently, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES offers an on-line tutoring program called Skills Tutor along with a local tutor who is available at all times via phone and e-mail and visits with students on a regular basis to review progress. An individual learning plan is developed in cooperation with the schools and is followed to help student improve their skills.

How can my child benefit?

The primary benefit of participating in SES is the opportunity to sharpen skills and understanding of key concepts and procedures in reading and math through repetition and practice using a web-based software package. For many youngsters, this opportunity to practice can be the key that unlocks the door to success.

Who is eligible?

Any student who qualifies for free or reduced price lunch is eligible to participate in Supplemental Education Services.

How do I enroll my child?

Contact Kevin Kendall, Principal for Grades 7 & 8 at OFA by calling 393-0900 X230. Students can be enrolled at any time.

How many students have participated in the past?

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Number of students eligible	143	132
Number of students participating	4	4