



All Children Can And Will Learn

Aurora East Schools

District 131

School Service Center

Department of Elementary Programs

417 Fifth Street • Aurora, Illinois 60505-4794 • Telephone (630) 299-5563 • Fax (630) 299-5500

August 1, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian of an elementary student at Bardwell or Allen School,

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child's school is identified as providing students an option to transfer to another school within the district or outside the district. This has become an option as your child's school has not made adequate yearly progress on the State test for at least two years. Your child's school remains in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least 3 years and is required to offer public school choice and supplemental educational services (must meet low-income guidelines). We will post our most recent report card on our website at <http://www.d131.org>. It will show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. Additional information may be obtained on the Illinois Interactive School Report Card at <http://irc.niu.edu/>.

Allen and Bardwell Schools are working to improve their academic program, specifically in literacy, by creating a plan to address deficiencies in reading and math. This includes offering a 150 minute balanced literacy block and a 60 minute math block daily, teaching the reading and math curriculums with integrity and providing scientifically research based professional development to our teachers in the areas of reading and math.

In addition, the district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the committee that will need to develop a school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement. Please contact your child's principal to become a member of their building school improvement team.

As a parent you have the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, there are no schools to which students can transfer since none of our elementary schools are higher -performing schools in reading and math as indicated on the AYP Reports. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 630-299-5563.

Thank you,

Dr. Christie Aird
Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Programs



Making Choices for Excellence

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Dear Parent or Guardian of an elementary student at Beaupre, Brady, Dieterich, Gates, Hermes, Johnson, Oak Park, O'Donnell or Rollins,

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child's school is identified as providing students an option to transfer to another school within the district or outside the district. This has become an option as your child's school did not make adequate yearly progress on the State test last year. For the 2009-2010 school year, your child's school will be in Academic Early Warning, Year 1, which means the school failed to make adequate yearly progress for 1 year and must offer public school choice.

Your child's school being in school improvement means that the school has not made adequate yearly progress on the State measures of academic achievement last year. We will post our most recent report card on our website at <http://www.d131.org>. It will show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. Additional information may be obtained on the Illinois Interactive School Report Card at <http://iirc.niu.edu/>.

The elementary schools listed above are working to improve their academic program, specifically in literacy, by creating a plan to address deficiencies in reading and math. This includes offering a 150 minute balanced literacy block and a 60 minute math block daily, teaching the reading and math curriculums with integrity and providing scientifically research based professional development to our teachers in the areas of reading and math.

In addition, the district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the committee that will need to develop a school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement. Please contact your child's principal to become a member of their building's school improvement team.

As a parent you have the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, because eleven of our twelve District 131 elementary schools are in "improvement status" and neither the remaining elementary school in District 131 nor neighboring school districts are able to accept our students, school choice cannot be offered to our elementary school students.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions at 630-299-5563.

Thank you,

Dr. Christie Aird
Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Programs

NCLB's CHOICE FOR PARENTS

Supplemental Educational Services

Low-income families can enroll their child in supplemental educational services if their child attends a Title I school that has been designated by the state to be in need of improvement for more than one year. The term “supplemental educational services” refers to free extra academic help, such as tutoring or remedial help, that is provided to students in subjects such as reading, language arts, and math. This extra help can be provided before or after school, on weekends, or in the summer.

School Districts are required to identify organizations that qualify to provide these services. Districts must make a list available to parents of state-approved supplemental educational services providers in the area and must let parents choose the provider that will best meet the educational needs of the child. Contracts are offered to the providers selected and parents are informed of students selected for SES services.

SES Providers – As of Dec, 2009 **we have had 7 SES providers selected by our parents.** SES is not the only out-of-school academic help program offered at our school sites, it is just one of a variety of choices; such as Family Focus programs, Communities in Schools/Homework clubs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers and Grant funded tutorial clubs. Parents may choose from whatever after school program is available at their school. Only SES has set guidelines by NCLB for student participation (see eligibility below)

Schools for 2009/2010 – We have six schools identified for SES. All four secondary schools, Bardwell and Allen will be serving students with SES providers. We have eased parents' transportation needs by allowing providers to work at school sites, which may make accessing SES easier for parents than if they have to transport their children to other locations in the district. Rent has not been added as an expense to our SES providers.

Eligible students to receive SES

- All students from low-income families who attend Title I schools that are in their second year of school improvement, in corrective action, or in restructuring;
- Eligibility is NOT dependent on whether a student is a member of a subgroup that caused the school to not make AYP, or whether the student is in a grade that takes the statewide assessment as required by NCLB; and,
- Lowest achieving eligible students must be given priority if funds are not available to serve all of the students who are eligible to receive SES.



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Dear Parent or Guardian of a D131 student,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring. As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, (2002) your child can receive extra help in the areas of math, reading and language arts. You can receive this free tutoring because your child's school has not made adequate yearly progress on state tests for at least three years, and your family may meet the income limits under the law.

You can choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child. A list of approved tutoring programs in our area is enclosed with a provider selection form. You were also invited to a "Provider's Fair" on August 14, 2009 at East Aurora High School – Main Cafeteria from 10:00 until 2:00. If you are unable to attend, you may still be able to sign up your child for a program that has been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and that will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school.

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

- When and where will the tutoring take place (at school, community center)?
- How often and for how many hours in total 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, or computer)?
- What are the tutor's qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has disabilities or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from where the tutoring will take place?

If there are more students who request tutoring services than can be served through available funding, priority will be given to low-performing students as determined by the district.

Please call my office or my assistant, Ms. Helvie, at 630-299-8056, if you have any questions about these services. Provider Selection Forms are due 30 days after the first day of school. If approved, you will receive a letter from our office telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Thank you,

Dr. Marin Gonzalez
Asst. Superintendent of Secondary Programs
630-299-5561

Enclosures: Provider's List
 Provider's Sign up form

Provider's List

4 Counties for Kids, Inc.	Educate Online (formerly Catapult Online)	Northlake Children's Learning Center, Inc.
A+ Education Centers	Educational Enterprises	One-to-One Learning Center
A+ Tutoring Service, LTD	Educational Specialties, Inc	Orion's Mind, LLC
Ace It/Sylvan Learning Center	Educational Tutoring Centers of Illinois	Platform Learning, LLC
Achieve3000	Edward W. Cox, Inc.	Porter Education & Communications, Inc. (PE&C)
African American Christian Foundation	Sylvan Learning Center	Premier Tutoring
African American Images Talent Center	Elim Christian Services	PrimeTime Computer Services, Inc.
Ahead of the Class / Spectra Services	Erie Neighborhood House	Progressive Learning
All Students Succeed/Sylvan Learning Ctr	ETA/Cuisenaire	Project Success of Decatur/Macon County
Alternatives Unlimited Tutoring	F.U.T.U.R.E. Foundation Youth Services, Inc.	Reach For Tomorrow, Inc.
Applied Scholastics International	Failure Free Reading	Reading Advantage
ASPIRA Inc. of Illinois	Famcon Consulting	Richland Community College-Partners in Education
ATS Project Success	Family Advocacy Services	Rocket Learning Partners, LLC
AYP Services, Incorporated	Franklin Neighborhood Community Association	Rockford Housing Authority
Babbage Net School, Inc.	Garden of Prayer Youth Center	Sankofa Safe Child Initiative
Berg Educa - Sylvan Learning Centers	Gateway Center for Education	School Service Systems
Boys & Girl Club of Greater Peoria	Hamilton-Jefferson ROE	Schultz Group, Inc.
Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield	Hope Haven Christian Academy	SCORE! Educational Centers, Inc.
BPS Child Care Development, Inc.	HOSTS Learning	SES of Illinois, Inc.
Brain Hurricane, LLC	Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.	Smart Kids, Inc.
Brainfuse Online Instruction	I CAN Learn Education Systems	Solai & Cameron, Inc.
Breakthrough Urban Ministries	Innovative Education Concepts, LLC	Spanish Learning Center
Brilliance Academy of Math and English	Innovative Educational Programs, LLC	Stanley Learning Systems, Inc. A Sylvan Provider
BSG Training & Consulting Group	Institute for Collaboration, Aurora University	The Black Star Project
C2 Educational Systems, Inc.	Institute for Community, Inc.	The Link & Option Center, Inc.
Cambridge Educational Services	Institute for Education Partners (IEP)	The Maidez Center - Regional Office of Education 45
Carter, Reddy & Associates, Inc.	Iroquois Kankakee ROE	The Princeton Review, Inc.
Center of Higher Development	KCI Enterprises, Inc.—Ace It! Tutoring	The Reading Group
Central States SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc.	KCI Enterprises, Inc.—Sylvan Learning	The Salvation Army
Channing Elem School	Kids Club North America	Train up a Child -Homework Mastery Center
Chess Academy, LLC	Knowledge Points Learning Centers	Tutorial Services
Chicago Kids, Tek, Inc.	Kumon North America, Inc.	United Faith Outreach Ministries, Inc.
Chicago Public Schools (AIM High)	Learning For Tomorrow, Inc.	Unparalleled Solutions, Inc.
Children's Home + Aid	Learning Solutions, Inc.	WAC Scholar Program
City Year Chicago	Learning Specialties, Inc.	(C&T Afterschool & Tutoring Services)
Class of 1, Inc.	Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes	Wicker Park Learning Center
Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services	Literacy for All, Inc.	WSEC
College of DuPage	Madison County ROE	YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago
College of Ed.—Saluki Kids' Academy-SIU	Mainstream Development Educational Group	YMCA of Rock River Valley
Community College Foundation	Marilyn G. Rabb Foundation-MGRF	Young Men's Christian Association of Southwest Illinois
Community Unit School District 200	Newton Learning, A Division of Edison Schools	Youth Organizations Umbrella, Inc.
Consortium for Educational Change	Non-Public Educational Services, Inc.	Zion After-School Tutoring Program
CS&C Julex Learning	Northeastern Illinois University	

December 14, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Earlier in the 2009-10 school year, you requested that your student receive Supplemental Educational Services (tutoring) which is funded through the No Child Left Behind legislation. These services will begin after the winter holiday vacation. It is a parents' choice to select the approved provider with which a student will receive these tutoring sessions. If you are still interested in your student receiving this tutoring service free of charge, please select your choice of one of the following providers. Please return this information to your child's building principal no later than January 5, 2010. If you have questions or concerns, please call DiAna Helvie, Supplemental Education Services Coordinator, 630/299-8056 or 630/779-8071. Thank you.

Ahead of the Class _____

Aurora University – Institute for Collaboration (Middle School Only) _____

Babbage Schools Net _____

Club Z Tutoring _____

Huntington Learning _____

Sylvan Learning _____

The Princeton Review _____

Sincerely,

DiAna L. Helvie, Supplemental Educational Services, Coordinator

***No Child Left Behind Act Public School
SES Services
Request for Supplemental Educational Services***

*In order to be effective, this request for supplemental services must be returned to Aurora East School District 131 on or before **September 30, 2009***

Date _____

Student Name (s)

Grade

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____ **Yes**, I wish to request supplemental services for my child/children with the after school program provider at my child's school. You have my permission to release my child (children).

My 1st preferred provider is

My 2nd preferred provider is

My 3rd preferred provider is

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Address _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Bring or mail this form to your child's principal or mail to the Aurora East School District 131 office at the following address, by the date written above:

**Aurora East School District 131
417 Fifth St.
Aurora, Illinois 60505**

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) History

Letters to our secondary parents were sent out requesting that they consider free tutoring for their child - Supplemental Educational Services (SES) which is required under the “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Federal legislation. SES must be provided after school with outside providers delivering instruction. Our middle school provider this year was Aurora University- Institute for Collaboration and at the high school Huntington Learning.

Please note the number of students attending SES.

SES PROVIDER	COWHERD	SIMMONS	WALDO	EAST HIGH SCHOOL	TOTAL
2005-2006	74	88	139	42	343
Host					
2006-2007	53	55	69	51	228
Orion’s Mind Huntington Learning					
2007-2008	29	19	59	28	135
Aurora University Orion’s Mind Huntington Learning					
2008-2009	33	43	97	19	192
Aurora University Huntington Learning					
Summer 2008-2009					
Brain Hurricane Ahead of the Class Huntington Learning	7 (Brain Hurricane) 7 (Huntington)	9 (Ahead of the Class) 16 (Huntington)	6 (Brain Hurricane) 3 (Ahead of the Class) 12 (Huntington)	49 (Huntington)	109