

Forest Hills School District

Free After-School or Saturday Tutoring for Your Child!

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Dear Forest Hills High School Parent/Guardian,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring! Just to be clear—the free tutoring is not homework help, but rather increasing your child’s basic reading, math, and science skills. As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), your child can receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, science and language arts. You can receive this free tutoring because the Forest Hills High School is in its second year of School Improvement and your family meets the income limits under the law.

The District’s report card (enclosed with this letter) shows how the high school compares with the other schools in our District. The high school met 12 out of 13 targets, missing 1 target for the 2008-2009 school year. The high school’s Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) designation is that of School Improvement II because the Economically Disadvantaged subgroup did not meet the minimum proficiency requirements in Reading.

You may choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child. A list of approved tutoring programs in our area is enclosed and also posted on our website. These programs have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with the high school curriculum.

This free tutoring program is called Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and is a federal program defined by NCLB. To find out more about SES, access the following website:
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/nclb/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=82596>.

Questions for Families to Ask Providers:

When and where will the tutoring take place? (i.e. at school or a 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 the computer)?
What are the tutors’ 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?
What evidence do you have of the program’s effectiveness?
How will progress be reported to parents and to the school?

Please call Mrs. Vanessa Sral, Director of Education, at (814) 487-7613, extension 3249 if you have any questions about these services. Please return the enclosed selection/application form in the envelope provided indicating your positive or negative response to the tutoring invitation. Forms are due by November 13, 2009. If you are interested in the tutoring program, you will receive a letter from the Forest Hills School District by November 20, 2009 telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Thank you,



Vanessa Sral
Director of Education



Curt P. Vasas
High School Principal

Enclosures: Approved Provider List
Provider Selection/Application Form
High School AYP Notification Letter