

What can I do?

What if my child's school is identified as "in need of improvement," but no one has contacted me about program options?

Federal law requires your school district to provide you with a list of the NY State-approved educational programs in your area.

What if my school district hasn't let me know if my child will be receiving supplemental services?

1. Contact your principal.
2. Contact your school district's office.

If you're interested in learning more about supplemental services for your child, please submit the following information to the site coordinator of your child's after-school program.

Your Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Child's Grade Level _____

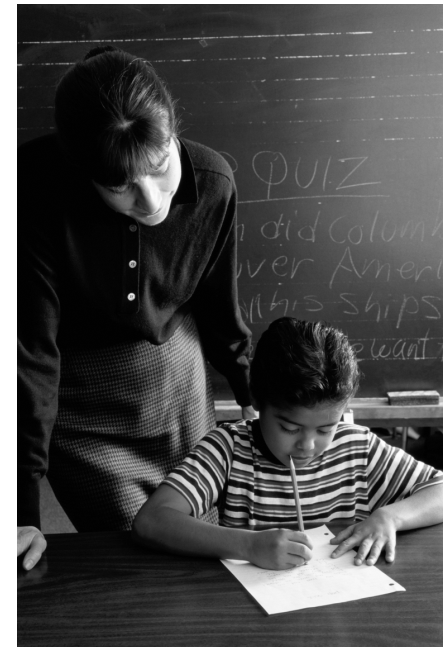
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For more information about this national initiative, check the website:

www.NoChildLeftBehind.gov

Attention Parents!



Get extra help for your child at no cost to you.

How can I get extra help for my child?

Students who are struggling in class are entitled to extra help at school. That's the law.

Now, a new federal law called *No Child Left Behind* makes this help easier to get. If your child's school is identified as "in need of improvement," your child may receive "supplemental services."

What are "supplemental services"?

The term "supplemental services" refers to extra help provided to students in

- **reading**
- **writing**
- **math**

This extra help can be provided before school, after school, or on weekends by a provider chosen by the child's parents.

What does "in need of improvement" mean?

Federal law requires that NY State set goals which each school must meet. Schools that do not make adequate progress for two years in a row will be identified as "in need of improvement."

How do I know?

How do I know if my child's school is "in need of improvement"?

Federal law requires the NYC Department of Education to tell you if your child's school is in need of improvement. Call your school district's office.

How will I know if my child is eligible for supplemental services?

If your child's school is designated as needing improvement for two years in a row, and your family income meets guidelines set by your school district (such as free/reduced lunch status), your child is eligible.

Contact your principal to find out how your child can receive supplemental services from a provider of your choice.

How do I choose a good provider?

Your local school district is required to give you a list of all the supplemental educational services providers in your area approved by New York State. District officials can help you select a provider, if you request their guidance.

How does it work?

Who are the providers?

Providers include the New York City Department of Education, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit organizations.

What happens after I select a provider?

You will meet with the provider and district staff. Together you will all set specific academic goals for your child and determine how these goals will be measured.

Are there any other ways to get help for my child?

You bet! Students struggling in class are entitled to extra help at school through a program called "academic intervention services" (AIS), which includes tutoring or counseling at school to help the student. State regulations require that students who are falling behind receive the help they need.

So, if you think your child needs help, ask your teacher or principal.

Note: If your child is significantly behind in achievement, s/he may have an undiagnosed disability and may be entitled to a wide range of services and supports—both public and private. Check www.advocatesforchildren.org or www.insideschools.org for more information.

"I can assure you there is no more powerful advocate for children than a parent armed with information and options."

—U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige