



FREE TUTORING FOR YOUR CHILD!

October 15, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian;

Help your child succeed in school- sign up for free tutoring! This is a great opportunity to help your child 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 can 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 Minnesota Department of Education, 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. Research from the federal government has shown that students who participate in this free tutoring program made significant gains in student achievement, and those who participated in multiple years did even better.

The list of tutoring programs gives you a description of each program, the qualifications of the tutors, and information about each program's effectiveness. It also indicates the programs that serve student with disabilities or limited English proficiency.

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 hours in total will your child be tutored?
- What programs, by grade levels and subject areas, are available to your child?

- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-to-one, or the computer)?
- What are the tutor's qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has a disability or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from the location where the tutoring will take place?

Please call Kari Mitchell at 763-549-2386 if you have any questions about this tutoring program. If you would like to participate in this tutoring program, you can fill out the enclosed provider selection form and mail it back to Odyssey Academy in the stamped envelope provided. Applications are due by November 15, 2010. After you submit your application, you will receive a letter from Odyssey by November 26, 2010 telling you when the tutoring will start.

Federal non-regulatory guidance requires Odyssey to prioritize the lowest performing students **IF** the number of students requesting services exceeds the number of available slots for Supplemental Educational Services. As a result, Odyssey will have to wait until the end of the enrollment period to place students with providers. At the closing of the first enrollment window, Odyssey will determine whether the demand for SES has exceeded the number of available slots and prioritize the lowest performing students, if needed. After the enrollment period ends, Odyssey will work as quickly as possible to place students with providers.

Finally, if you do not wish to sign up for these services, you may also choose to transfer your child to another school. Please contact the school office for information about school choices in this area.

Thank you,

John Sedey
Executive Director
Odyssey Academy

Enclosures: Approved Provider List
Provider Selection Form
Original AYP Letter