

2009-2010 State-Approved Providers for Free After-School Tutoring (Supplemental Educational Services)

*For more information on each of the following after-school tutoring companies, please visit:
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/ses/results.asp>*

Approved Provider List:

Serving Grade(s): 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

In subject(s): Reading, Writing, Mathematics

Serving District: North Central Charter Essential District

Supplementary Educational Services (SES) are additional, free, academic instruction designed to increase the academic achievement of students in schools identified for improvement, corrective action or restructuring under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Students from low-income families attending Title I schools in their second year of school improvement (i.e., have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for three or more years), in corrective action, or in restructuring status are eligible to receive SES.

Provider	Subject Areas	Grades
<u>Brainfuse One-to-One Tutoring</u>	Reading, Writing, Mathematics	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12
<u>Catapult Learning</u>	Reading, Mathematics	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<u>Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services</u>	Reading, Mathematics	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12
<u>Commonwealth Learning Center</u>	Reading	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12
<u>Educate Online</u>	Reading, Mathematics	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12
<u>Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.</u>	Reading, Mathematics	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12
<u>Knowledge Connection, Inc., A KnowledgePoints Learning Center</u>	Reading, Mathematics	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
<u>Learn It Systems</u>	Reading, Mathematics	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<u>Smarties Tutoring Services</u>	Reading, Writing, Mathematics	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Provider: Brainfuse One-to-One Tutoring

Website: <http://www.brainfuse.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics

Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Student's Home, Internet, Place of Religious Worship, Community Center, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: No

Program Description (written by provider):

Brainfuse is the nation's leading provider of one-to-one tutoring to schools, offering online tutoring in Math, Reading, and Writing (grades 3-12). With Brainfuse, students receive individual attention from carefully selected tutors through our kid-friendly online classroom -- all that is required is a computer with Internet access. Independent studies confirm that students prefer Brainfuse to traditional group tutoring because Brainfuse provides the best tutor-student ratio available and thus greater opportunities to ask questions, participate in sessions, and receive help in critical areas. In addition, Brainfuse offers complete freedom when scheduling (we are available anytime, day or night, 7 days a week).

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Brainfuse is approved by more states than any other SES providers, and recently out performed all providers in math in a study conducted by the LAUSD. Brainfuse significantly boosts test scores and improves classroom performance. Of the students who received test preparation from Brainfuse, 75% significantly boosted their test scores. Our tutors have amassed considerable experience working with students from a wide range of backgrounds, many of whom are Title I students, at-risk students, low-income students, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency (LEP students).

Provider: Catapult Learning

Website: www.catapultlearning.com

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Place of Service: Student's School, Community Center

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Catapult Learning has been a leading education and instructional services provider for more than 30 years. We provide teacher-led small-group instruction programs that use our own proprietary curricula composed of scripted and/or teacher-created lessons. We use systematic, explicit, and intensive remediation and instruction to improve students' reading and/or math skills. We guide students through carefully scaffolded sessions that include instruction, modeling and guided practice, and independent practice and application. We identify students' strengths and weaknesses, by administering one of several proprietary assessment tests. Students receive instruction in two or more 60-minute sessions per week. We deliver our programs primarily during the hours following the regular school day.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Catapult Learning programs are of high quality, based on nationally-recognized research, and designed to increase student academic achievement. Our small-group instruction model provides underachieving

students with an environment where they have a greater chance of academic success. Our data analysis from 1998 to 2008, using matched pretest and post test standardized achievement test scores, indicates that students who received 20 or more sessions of our instruction achieved increased academic growth in reading by 54% and in math by 92%. These results demonstrate the effectiveness of our instructional programs. Catapult Learning teachers communicate with classroom teachers to ensure transfer of new learning into the classroom setting. Following initial assessment using proprietary tests such as the Assessment of Student Achievement (ASA) and the Catapult Learning Criterion Referenced Test (CLCRT), a Student Plan is created for each student. A pre/post test evaluation model utilizing standardized test scores determines long-term student gains. We strongly believe that all services to children must be in a state of continual improvement. Therefore, program evaluation is and has been a hallmark of Catapult Learning's instructional services.

Provider: Club Z! In-Home Tutoring Services

Website: <http://www.clubztutoring.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Student's Home, Place of Religious Worship, Community Center, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Club Z! delivers the individualized instruction students need to meet their academic goals in reading and mathematics. Club Z! specializes in working with all students, including those with disabilities and English language learners. Club Z! develops a customized program aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for each student for advanced academic achievement. Club Z! instructors travel to each student's home so parents/guardians are not required to provide transportation to and from a learning center. Club Z! also offers small group instruction where students are tutored in groups of no more than 5 students per instructor directly after school hours. Students who complete Club Z! supplemental educational services show an average of a year's worth of growth, so start your child on the road to academic success by joining the Club Z! club today!

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Matched sample reading results for Club Z! revealed that 27 out of 30 students receiving Club Z! SES interventions demonstrated higher state test scores than students matched on pre-test and demographic characteristics. Based on an analysis of valid and reliable performance data gathered from Club Z! programs, achievement levels increased drastically for those students completing the Club Z! program. During the 2007-2008 school year students in Marlborough (Massachusetts) completing the Club Z! SES program in reading showed an average increase of 2 grade levels, and students receiving instruction in mathematics showed an average increase of 3 grade levels. Students in this program displayed an average increase of .9 grade levels in mathematics, 1 grade level in reading, and .7 grade levels in spelling as measured by the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA). Nearly all students showed improvement in academic skills as measured by the KTEA in reading and mathematics.

Provider: Commonwealth Learning Center

Website: <http://www.commlearn.com>

Program Areas: Reading

Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Business, Community Center, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: No

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Commonwealth Learning Center provides one-to-one reading tutoring tailored to the needs of each student. This after school tutorial program addresses the needs of students struggling with reading and spelling. Each student works with his or her own teacher and will see the same teacher for each session. Tutoring focuses on teaching students the "code" of the English language- its sounds, syllable types, patterns, rules, and roots and affixes--in a systematic and hands-on manner utilizing the Orton-Gillingham Approach. Students read aloud and complete dictation exercises at each lesson. Lessons are engaging, multisensory, and customized for each student. The teachers in Commonwealth Learning Center's program are certified specialists who have undergone significant training and have experiences working with struggling readers. They tailor the tutoring sessions so that each student sees success at his or her own pace. We welcome students who have learning disabilities and/or attentional difficulties.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Commonwealth Learning Center uses standardized instruments for pre-testing and post-testing in order to measure student progress. The students are evaluated using standardized tests including the Woodcock-Johnson III, Woodcock Reading Mastery Tests, Comprehensive Test of Phonological Processing, Test of Written Spelling-4, and Test of Written Language-3. Results are detailed in written reports indicating the student's performance in terms of standard scores, percentile ranks, and grade equivalent as compared to their national age-mates. CLC uses percentile ranks to document student growth over time. In 2005-2006, a sample group of 10 students increased their word attack skills an average of 15.5 percentile points and increased their spelling skills an average 16.3 percentile points in one school year.

Provider: Educate Online

Website: www.educate-online.com

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Student's Home, Internet, Community Center, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Educate Online (formerly Catapult Online) offers live tutoring over the Internet on a computer and Internet connection we provide. Our tutoring sessions are taught by U.S. Based, state certified teachers with at least two years of in classroom teaching experience. Students receive tutoring that has been specifically designed for each student, and each tutor is assigned only 1 to 3 students during instruction. Tutoring is available 7 days a week and parents choose their child's schedule which generally includes 2-4, 60 minute sessions per week. Educate Online programs are available in Reading or Math for students in grades 3-12. Students on average achieve 1 full grade level growth during the program.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Educate Online is America's leading provider of live, individualized, at-home instruction. Our programs are taught online, by experienced, state-certified teachers, and are personalized to each child's unique needs. Our students access our program from the safety and convenience of home, on a computer provided free of charge by Educate Online. And when students successfully complete the program, the

family gets to keep the computer.

How Effective is Educate Online?

- Educate Online has successfully delivered tutoring to more than 50,000 students across the country.
- On average, Educate Online students successfully complete over 70 individual lessons and master over 25 individual skills.
- Students in Massachusetts who have completed the Educate Online program demonstrate, on average, more than 1 year of grade level growth as measured by Educate Online's assessment.

Provider: Huntington Learning Centers, Inc.

Website: <http://www.huntingtonlearningcenter.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Business

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Huntington Learning Center has offered high quality, research based, supplemental educational services in Reading and Math to students in grades K through 12 for over 30 years. We have successfully provided services to Title I students, Students with Disabilities, and English Language Learners across the country. The instructional program that Huntington provides is based on sound educational research and decades of experience. Huntington adheres to an educational philosophy, which includes comprehensive testing, sophisticated diagnostics, time-tested curriculum, and individualized instruction. Every program begins with a diagnostic evaluation. Using the results of the diagnostic evaluation, an individualized learning plan is developed to identify and focus on each student's specific academic needs. To guarantee effective individualized instruction, we instruct using a student-teacher ratio that will not exceed 6:1. Teaching sessions are typically 1.5 - 2 hours in length, 2 times per week for a minimum of 30 hours.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

One of the measuring tools that Huntington employs to measure student's progress is the nationally accepted California Achievement Test (CAT/5™). The CAT/5™ test content represents different cultures and covers a broad range of subjects, appealing to all students. A random sampling of students serviced in Reading and Math at various levels from 2006-2009 nationwide demonstrates Huntington's record of effectiveness. The sampling evidences an increase in the average grade equivalency (GE) and percentile from the initial CAT/5™ to the final CAT/5™ in both subject areas. In mathematics, [for a particular sample], scores indicate that students increased an average of 2.7 GE or 25%. In reading, [for a particular sample], scores indicate that students increased an average of 1.4 GE or 24% from their initial CAT/5™ test to their final CAT/5™ test. These results are based on each student completing a 30-hour program of instruction with Huntington.

Provider: Knowledge Connection, Inc., A KnowledgePoints Learning Center

Website: <http://www.knowledgepoints.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Business, Place of Religious Worship, Community Center, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

The KnowledgePoints program is held before or after school, or on weekends. Each session is 1-2 hours long, once or twice per week, depending on student/parent schedules. Tutors work with students individually in small groups (up to 5 students) to provide personalized instruction. A Learning Plan is created for students based upon their pre-test results and data provided by the school. Our tutors use learning materials that are aligned with the MA Curriculum Framework. Students take a post-test to measure success. KnowledgePoints staff includes state certified teachers. Our communication between tutors/staff, school/district, parents/guardians, provides the best learning environment for student success.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

KnowledgePoints uses the California Achievement Test (CAT/5) and/or Achieve Assessment to measure student achievement. These are national standardized tests. Pre and post tests data is used to place students in the program and to measure their results at the end. Students showed significant gains in Math and Reading after 20-30 hours of instruction. In 2008-2009 students continued to show improvement in Math and Reading as evidenced by gains in Grade Equivalency and Percentile ranking.

Provider: Learn It Systems

Website: <http://www.learn-itsystems.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Place of Service: Student's School, Place of Religious Worship, Other

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Learn It Systems delivers face-to-face tutoring to students in a small group and targets each student's academic weaknesses to ensure that they are receiving instruction where they need it most. Teachers work directly with your child and communicate with you on your child's progress throughout the program. Our pre-test and post-tests track every student's academic growth throughout the program. Our caring, highly-trained teachers are 100% committed to improving your child's grades and self-esteem. Learn It Systems programs produce results. Our goal program features include:

- SMALL CLASSES: 6-10 on average per instructor, per class
- PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTORS: Experienced and specially trained for our programs
- PERSONALIZED LEARNING: Individualized Plans for each student, at any level
- LITERACY and/or MATH: Research-based, proven effective programs
- REWARDS PROGRAM: Free books and prizes for attendance and effort
- SNACKS: Helps students focus and gives them energy
- CONVENIENT LOCATION: After school, weekends, and summer, at your child's school

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Students who complete the Learn It program demonstrate, on average, a 28% increase in Reading proficiency and a 33% increase in Math. In addition, 96% of students who began the program at the Below Basic level progressed to the next proficiency level after completing the program. In surveys, Parents and Students overwhelmingly indicate they would recommend the program and 88% of classroom teachers indicate they have seen noticeable improvement in student participation and performance after enrolling in the Learn It program.

Provider: Smarties Tutoring Services

Website: <http://www.smartiestutoring.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Writing, Mathematics

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Place of Service: Student's School, Place of Religious Worship, Community Center

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

Smarties Tutoring Services offers instruction in Language Arts and Mathematics using state-of-the-art curricula. Our classes are taught in small groups by experienced teachers who are enthusiastic about helping children improve their math and literacy skills. Parental involvement is integral to our success. At Smarties, we encourage parent-teacher communication and invite parents to contact us whenever they have a question or concern. Parents are always welcome to attend our programs. After four sessions, parents receive a "Smartie Work Plan" that contains individual goals, assessment scores, and specific areas of academic focus. Each month, parents receive a written report on their child's progress. At the end of the program, parents receive a comprehensive evaluation that reviews and assesses their student's achievement based on the "Smartie Work Plan."

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

Smarties Tutoring Services' programs are highly effective at improving the academic skills of all students. Over the years, our students have made consistent academic gains. Four out of five of our students improved their scores by more than 10% from pretest to posttest, and half of our students improved by more than 25%. Further, 93% of school teachers surveyed reported that their students who were enrolled in Smarties after school improved their academic performance as a result of our program.

Provider: Sylvan Learning Center

Website: <http://www.educate.com>

Program Areas: Reading, Mathematics

Grades: K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Post 12

Place of Service: Student's School, Internet, Business, Community Center

Experience with:

Limited English Proficient (LEP) students: Yes

Students with disabilities: Yes

Program Description (written by provider):

The Sylvan Learning Programs have been designed to build student skill mastery of the core skills required for success in reading and/or math at each grade level. Sylvan employs a diagnostic approach to identifying needs and a systematic, motivational approach to ensuring individual student success. Sylvan Learning Center is the nation's leading provider of supplemental education services and our programs have been delivering results for over 29 years.

Evidence of Effectiveness (written by provider):

The assessments used for program placement and to measure student growth are the Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GRADE) and the Group Mathematics Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GMADE). The scores used in evaluation of academic growth include the Growth Scale Value score (GSV) and Percentile Rankings. The GSV score is a developmental standard score that is used to track students' growth between tests and across grade levels. The percentile rankings evaluate the percentile change after instruction. After an average of 29 hours of instruction, 53% of our reading students met or exceeded the median growth as compared to the norm group of students at the same grade levels over an entire school year. "Ace it!" (*a new and innovative program designed by Sylvan Learning, Inc.*) reading students moved up 8.6 percentiles on average. After an average of 33

hours of instruction, 70% of our math students met or exceeded the median growth as compared to the norm group of students at the same grade levels over an entire school year. “Ace it!” math students moved up 17.1 percentiles on average. The entire Sylvan Learning /Ace it! curriculum is based on research, best practices and common sense approach.