



THE PENNSYLVANIA CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL

Free Tutoring for Your Child!

October 21, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring! As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, 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 is in its second year of "school improvement," and your family meets the income limits under the law.

You can choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child. Details about each tutoring vendor are enclosed with this letter. All of these programs have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school. ***If a situation occurs where more students request tutoring than can be served through available funding, priority will be given to low-performing students as determined by the district.***

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 home, online 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?

Please call Janet Carter, Title I Coordinator, 1-888-PACYBER ext 1179, if you have any questions about these services. ***Please be advised that transportation to and from tutoring sessions will not be provided.***

If you would like to select a tutor now, you can fill out the enclosed provider selection form and mail it back to PA Cyber in the stamped envelope we provide. Applications are due as soon as possible. You will receive notification from us telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Finally, if you do not wish to sign up for these services please make that choice on the enclosed form and return by the stated deadline.

Thank you,
Andrew Oberg
Director, PA Cyber

Enclosures: Approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers
Tutor Selection Form

FREE TUTORING FORM (Complete One Form for Each Child)

Please Check:

 YES, I would like my child, _____, to receive free tutoring.

 I HAVE SELECTED THE FOLLOWING PROVIDER:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

 I NEED HELP SELECTING A PROVIDER. Please contact me at:

 NO, I would not like my child to receive free tutoring.

I understand that the school is not directly involved with scheduling or supervising these services and that I will have the direct responsibility to work with the SES provider organization. I hereby authorize the release of my child's school records to the SES provider that I have selected.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number

Date

Mail To:

Title One Department
Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School
One Lincoln Park
Midland, Pennsylvania 15059

Provider Details

Provider Name	Alternatives Unlimited, Inc.	Contact Name	LaTanya Dalton
Contact Location	238 High Street, Pottstown, PA, 19464	Contact Phone	(610) 970-1304
Contact Email	jsullivan@alt-unlimited.com	Contact Fax	6109700064
Location of Services	School site, business, community center, place of worship (free from all religious/non-secular materials), on-line.		

Type of Instruction	Individual;Small Group;Distance learning tutoring (SES only)
Grade Level to be Served	Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12
Subject Area	Reading;Reading;Reading;Math;Math;Math;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both;Both
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans?	TRUE
Serve students with these disabilities?	Hearing Impaired;Visually impaired;Emotional support;Learning support;Mental retardation;Physically handicapped
Serve students with limited English proficiency?	TRUE
Serve following languages	Spanish;Other
Serve Locations (All/Certain)?	All locations
Frequency of SES Sessions per week	2.00
Length of Session (hours)	2.00
Students for Tutor	School Year -10;Summer -10

Provider Details

Program abstract

Alternatives Unlimited, Inc. (AU) is a national educational management company that provides individual and small group tutoring in reading/language arts and mathematics for students K-12. AU will assist school districts in Pennsylvania by offering purposeful, focused instruction to help students achieve specific targeted goals aligned to Pennsylvania's reading and math standards and the individual district instructional program. Workbooks, graphic organizers, and student activities support the instruction during the tutoring session. This allows students the opportunity for peer group interaction, as well as, individualized support, focus, and instruction. AU Tutoring incorporates Evans Newton Inc. (ENI) curriculum, iTarget Teach Fundamentals, as the basis for our student success focusing on quality, standards-based instruction with immediate assessment data to drive remediation. The optimal AU tutoring session will last two hours per day and take place two days per week. AU does understand, however, that a two hour session may prove too grueling for the younger learners; therefore, AU is prepared to modify delivery with shorter sessions that meet more often during the week. AU is also prepared to offer Saturday services, if necessary. AU tutoring leads to better report cards and greater success on state tests. Tutoring activities reinforce the instruction in your child's classrooms for better understanding. The AU program will help your child succeed now and in the future.

Provider Details

Provider Name	ATS Project Success	Contact Name	Melinda McNeil
Contact Location	664 Porters Mill Road, Pottstown, PA, 19465	Contact Phone	(800) 913-0944
Contact Email	melindam@ATSPROJECTSUCCESSWORKS.COM	Contact Fax	
Location of Services	ATS Project Success offers math and reading support services online in the comfort and safety of the student's home by supplying each student with a computer, the SuccessMaker web-based program, and an Internet service.		

Type of Instruction	Individual;Distance learning tutoring (SES only)
Grade Level to be Served	Elementary Grades K to 5;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;Middle Grades 6 to 8
Subject Area	Math;Reading;Reading;Math
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans?	TRUE
Serve students with these disabilities?	Hearing Impaired;Emotional support;Learning support;Mental retardation;Other
Serve students with limited English proficiency?	TRUE
Serve following languages	Spanish
Serve Locations (All/Certain)?	All locations
Frequency of SES Sessions per week	2.00
Length of Session (hours)	1.00
Students for Tutor	School Year -1;Summer -1
Program abstract	<p>ATS Project Success offers an eligible student support in English language arts, including reading, and mathematics. Services to the student are provided using a furnished, pre-programmed computer with SuccessMaker® software in the comfort, privacy, and safety of his/her home. An Internet connection is also provided. The student's home must have analog telephone line.</p> <p>Tutors monitor student progress online and follow-up with e-mails to the student as well as weekly telephone calls and reports to the parents. We also work with the school and classroom teacher to make sure student efforts in the program are helping the student succeed in the regular classroom. Since July 2003, we have provided supplemental educational services to over 5,000 students in over 300 school districts in 26 states.</p> <p>A student is encouraged to spend two hours a week in the program. The student can access the program at any time, as it is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.</p> <p>The effectiveness of the program is continually evaluated by reviewing student progress. After three hours in the program, instructional gains should be apparent. Students who spend 25 hours in one subject consistently show a gain of at least one instructional level.</p>

Provider Details

Provider Name Club Z In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc. **Contact Name** Todd Walden
Contact Location 15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 185, Tampa, FL, 33647 **Contact Phone** (800) 434-2582
Contact Email ses@clubztutoring.com **Contact Fax** 8135490185
Location of Services Statewide in Pennsylvania

Type of Instruction Individual;Small Group
Grade Level to be Served Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5
Subject Area Both;Both;Both;Reading
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans? TRUE
Serve students with these disabilities? Hearing Impaired;Visually impaired;Emotional support;Learning support;Physically handicapped
Serve students with limited English proficiency? TRUE
Serve following languages Spanish;Other
Serve Locations (All/Certain)? All locations
Frequency of SES Sessions per week 2.00
Length of Session (hours) 1.00
Students for Tutor School Year -3;Summer -3
Program abstract Club Z!, the nation's largest supplemental educational service provider, delivers the individualized instruction students need to meet their educational goals. Club Z! offers both one-on-one or small group tutorial sessions instructed by highly qualified certified teachers or degreed professionals. Club Z! provides services for both reading and mathematics and specializes in working with economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities, and English language learners. Club Z! tutoring sessions can be held at the local school, library, or other public location directly after regular school hours, at times convenient to parents/guardians. All necessary materials and supplies are provided by Club Z!, not the parent(s)/guardian(s). 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!

Provider Details

Provider Name	Learning, Inc.	Contact Name	Janice Kay Vlahovich
Contact Location	85 N. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, PA, 19050	Contact Phone	(610) 622-4816
Contact Email	mishkin48@hotmail.com	Contact Fax	6106222450
Location of Services	85 N. Lansdowne Ave. Suite 4 Lansdowne, PA 19050		
Type of Instruction	Individual;Small Group		
Grade Level to be Served	Elementary Grades K to 5;High School Grades 9 to 12;Middle Grades 6 to 8;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12		
Subject Area	Math;Math;Math;Reading;Reading;Reading		
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans?	TRUE		
Serve students with these disabilities?	Hearing Impaired;Visually impaired;Emotional support;Learning support;Physically handicapped		
Serve students with limited English proficiency?	TRUE		
Serve following languages	Spanish		
Serve Locations (All/Certain)?	All locations		
Frequency of SES Sessions per week	2.00		
Length of Session (hours)	1.00		
Students for Tutor	School Year -3;Summer -3		

Provider Details

Program abstract

Learning, Inc. has been helping area students succeed since 1989 and has been an SES No Child Left Behind Provider for the past five years. At Learning, Inc. students will receive 40 hours of tutoring in reading and/or math, 1 hour twice a week for 20 weeks. We provide flexible scheduling to help meet student needs. In addition to these hours of tutoring, pre, mid, and post tests will be given to assess needs and measure progress. Instruction is individually tailored to your child's needs, with only one to three students in a class. Our teachers are highly qualified professionals. Most are state certified and all have at least a Bachelor Degree in Education and many years of teaching experience. They are devoted and committed to excellence and have a true concern for helping students to do well and to develop a love for learning. To involve you, the parent, in your child's progress at Learning, Inc., parent conferences are held at the beginning of the program to discuss goals and set up your child's Student Plan for tutoring, halfway through the program to assess progress, and then again at the end of tutoring. You will receive written Progress Reports after every 10 hours of instruction, and a written Final Report at the end of the program. Ongoing interaction between parent and teacher is greatly encouraged. All reports are also sent to the students' classroom teachers, and input from these teachers is encouraged, contributing to students' greater success in the classroom. Learning, Inc.'s mission is for the combination of a proven curriculum, an individualized program for each student, highly qualified, dedicated teachers, positive reinforcement, a fun format, and parent and classroom teacher involvement to come together to insure that your child will gain the confidence, motivation, joy in learning, and skill needed for success in the classroom and in life.

Provider Details

Provider Name	Sylvan Learning Center	Contact Name	Joan Rainer
Contact Location	601 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19106	Contact Phone	(215) 238-8382
Contact Email	sylvanLL10@aol.com	Contact Fax	2152388397
Location of Services	601 Walnut Street, Suite LL10, Philadelphia, PA 19106 and 6537 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19149		

Type of Instruction	Individual
Grade Level to be Served	Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12
Subject Area	Reading;Reading;Reading;Math;Math;Math
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans?	TRUE
Serve students with these disabilities?	Emotional support;Learning support;Mental retardation;Physically handicapped
Serve students with limited English proficiency?	TRUE
Serve following languages	Other
Serve Locations (All/Certain)?	All locations
Frequency of SES Sessions per week	2.00
Length of Session (hours)	2.00
Students for Tutor	School Year -3;Summer -3
Program abstract	Sylvan Learning Center is a licensed educational Center with over 18 years of documented success working with neighborhood families and schools. We use proven diagnostic tools to pinpoint educational needs. We create intensive, personalized programs from testing, parental and teacher input. Our instructors and directors are state certified with years of classroom and Sylvan experience. A positive learning experience building confidence and independence is provided. Teacher/student ratio is 1 to 3. Pre-tests and post-tests are given to measure growth and achievement. Each student's program is designed to address his or her individual needs in reading or math. Academic standards for the Philadelphia School District and the PA state standards are followed to help each student realize his or her potential within our academic programs.

Provider Details

Provider Name	Total Learning Centers	Contact Name	Carol Utay
Contact Location	12045 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA, 15090	Contact Phone	(724) 940-1090
Contact Email	carol@totallearningcenter.com	Contact Fax	7249401030
Location of Services	12045 Perry Highway Wexford PA 15090 3909 Clairton Blvd. Pittsburgh PA 15227 100 Hafner Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15223 6335 William Penn Highway, Murrysville, PA 15632 Off-site tutoring MAY be arranged if there are enough student at one location including school sites or a library site.		
Type of Instruction	Individual;Small Group		
Grade Level to be Served	Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12;Elementary Grades K to 5;Elementary Grades K to 5;High School Grades 9 to 12;Middle Grades 6 to 8;Elementary Grades K to 5;Elementary Grades K to 5;Middle Grades 6 to 8;High School Grades 9 to 12		
Subject Area	Reading;Reading;Reading;Reading;Reading;Reading;Reading;Math;Math;Math		
Serve students with disabilities or 504 plans?	TRUE		
Serve students with these disabilities?	Learning support;Mental retardation;Physically handicapped;Other		
Serve students with limited English proficiency?	TRUE		
Serve following languages	Other		
Serve Locations (All/Certain)?	All locations		
Frequency of SES Sessions per week	2.00		
Length of Session (hours)	1.00		
Students for Tutor	School Year -4;Summer -4		
Program abstract	<p>As a Supplemental Education Service provider, Total Learning Center will provide direct, intensive, research-based, multisensory instruction in reading and math. Individualized goals will be assessed in order to narrow the gap between performance and intelligence. The 32 direct instruction hours will be taught by certified teachers in a nurturing environment to ensure fast and significant gains. The instructional design of our programs anticipates learning patterns, places a premium on clarity and speeds students toward productive learning. The operating concept at Total Learning Center is the evidence-based lesson, a learning experience that has been well tested and researched in advance so that students receive the highest quality of education. In evaluating the progress of the students, both formal and informal assessment strategies will be used. Total Learning Centers are committed to doing whatever it takes to help students build confidence and skills while reaching their potential.</p>		

For a complete list of eligible providers, please visit the website listed below.

<https://www.pases.ed.state.pa.us/Screens/wfHome.aspx>