

ESA+ at Direct Payment Schools

North Carolina's ESA+ Scholarship Program

Helpful Hints for Zoom

*Slides will soon be posted at <https://www.ncseaa.edu/esa-family-trainings/> and a **recording** of this session will be posted there as well.*

- Zoom has **closed captioning** available

Asking Questions

- Use the Q & A to ask your questions (chat is disabled)
- Email ESA@ncseaa.edu to ask questions about an individual student

Answering Questions

- Presentation team will answer questions from the Q & A at certain points
- Only questions related to this session's content will be addressed live

What is a Direct Payment School?

Direct Payment Schools

NC private schools that accept direct tuition payments from SEAA



Accept ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship program funds



Awarded student must be enrolled and attending for SEAA to send funds



School must be active school choice in MyPortal for SEAA to send funds



Direct Payment Schools List

ESA+ website 

Direct Payment Nonpublic Schools: 2024-2025

ESA+ parents, if your school is not listed, see information [here](#)

County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Alamance	Alamance Christian School Graham	Graham
Alamance	Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Bradford Academy Mebane	Mebane
Alamance	Burbrella Microschool Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Burlington Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Excel Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Faith Christian Academy Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Grace Christian Academy Haw River	Haw River
Alamance	Parrish Chapel Academy Graham	GRAHAM
Alamance	Positive Day School Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	Providence A Christian Montessori Community Burlington	Burlington
Alamance	The Burlington School Burlington	Burlington

County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Alexander	Millersville Christian Academy Taylorsville	Taylorsville

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Anson	Apogee Anson Wadesboro	Wadesboro

[Direct
Payment
School List](#)

Direct Payment School:

ESA+ Sends Funds for Tuition/Fees

Certification *(a school responsibility)*

Certification

- School confirms that a student is enrolled
- School provides the cost of tuition and fees



once a year, in August

Endorsement: Fall & Spring

↓ SCHOOL ↓

1 Verify student is attending *and* approve the funds that will be disbursed (paid)

FALL

↓ PARENT ↓

2 Confirm school choice is correct *and* approve the funds to be sent to school

SPRING

1 Verify student is attending *and* approve the funds that will be disbursed (paid)

2 Confirm school choice is correct *and* approve the funds to be sent to school

Endorsement: *an electronic MyPortal task*

Opportunity Scholarships Parental Endorsement Form

Parent/Guardian Name:
Student Name:
Student's Opportunity Scholarships Program ID:
Permanent Address:
Email Address:
Name of School:

Student Required Tuition and Fees:
Fall Tuition and Fees:
Full or 90:

Any necessary calculations to the Grant Amount have been made. The Grant Amount will be exactly as shown below:

Fall Opportunity Scholarships Amount:
Spring Opportunity Scholarships Amount:



By clicking Submit, I attest that:

- If I select to endorse and sign this form, I approve that my child's Opportunity Scholarships will be deposited directly into the bank account of the school named above to pay in part my child's tuition and fees. If my child withdraws from the school, any refund of the Opportunity Scholarships will be returned to the SEAA.

- I have reviewed the information on this page and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

- I consent to the disclosure of information from my child's education records to the SEAA as may be necessary for it administer the Opportunity Scholarships Program on behalf of my child. This consent shall remain in effect until I revoke it in writing.

- I agree to allow my child to be tested by the nationally standardized test selected by my child's school as required by the Opportunity Scholarships Program.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact us: OpportunityScholarships@ncseaa.edu.

Endorse or Refuse

I Endorse the Opportunity Scholarships funding for Fall 2022.

I Refuse the Opportunity Scholarships funding for Fall 2022.

Parent First Name (Required):

Parent Last Name (Required):

> Submit > Cancel

- Is the correct school listed?
- Double check the scholarship amount!

Typical Timeline

AUGUST : Certification

August / September: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (FALL)

January / February: Endorsement and Payment to Schools (SPRING)



Direct Payment School:
Funds remaining after tuition and fees are sent

ESA+: Remaining funds to ClassWallet

After tuition and fees are paid

If your school's reported costs are **less** than your award amount, the remaining ESA+ award funds will move each semester to ClassWallet to use for *other* Allowable Expenses.

TIMING: If your school is efficient with Certification, and your school and you are both efficient with Endorsement, fall funds will be in ClassWallet by mid-September, and spring funds by early February.



ESA+ Minimum Spend Requirement

ESA+ Parent Agreement: #5

- Parent agrees to use at least \$1,000.00 per year per student for school tuition and/or other allowable expenses in ClassWallet.
- If at least \$1,000 is not spent by the end of the school year, the student will not be eligible to remain in the ESA+ program.



What is ClassWallet?

- a separate company that contracts with SEAA
- an online platform that hosts the **electronic account** on behalf of the ESA+ Program
- where ESA+ families use scholarship funds to:
 - make a payment to a service provider
 - purchase products that are ESA+ Allowable Expenses



Allowable Expenses-other than tuition

ESA+ website 

Allowable Expenses

✓ [Tuition and Fees](#)

✓ [Tutoring](#)

✓ [Educational Therapy](#)

✓ [Curricula](#)

✓ [Educational Technology](#)

✓ Transportation — ESA+ funds may be used for transportation to/from educational services or activities. Visit the [Search for a Provider portal](#) and enter the search term “transportation” to see a list of registered providers.

✓ Textbooks — Must be required by a nonpublic school and related to one of the following academic subjects: math, science, English/language arts, social studies, or foreign languages.

✓ Standardized Tests — Fees for nationally standardized tests (home school students only)

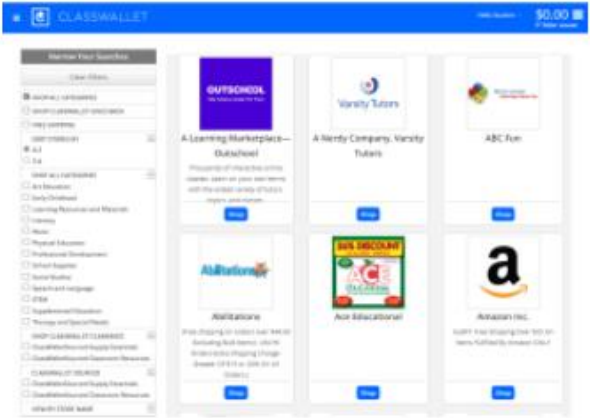
<https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/8617-2/> (or select “Allowable Expenses” from the left side navigation)

These topics are links to explanations about WHICH expenses are allowable, and HOW parents pay for them

Need more help with the ClassWallet payment process?

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/payment-process/>

The ClassWallet Platform



How to Purchase Products on ClassWallet

How to Pay a Service Provider in ClassWallet

How to pay for curricula purchased through providers listed on the NCSEAA Product Provider List on the Curriculum webpage.

IMPORTANT ESA+ REMINDERS

Parents should check MyPortal **once a week**:

- Are there items on the To Do list?
- Look at Notifications. Maybe you've missed an email!

ESA+ students need updated documentation of a disability **every 3 years** (*3 years from the evaluation date on file*).

HOWEVER: Parents, you will renew **annually** so that the ESA+ staff know you want your student to continue next year.

ESA+ is **not a reimbursement** program.

- Very few exceptions (mainly the ESA+ Reimbursement Schools)
- Do not purchase items or pay for services with the intent to submit a receipt.

Public School? If a student will be in the public school, full-time, in their assigned district, then they are **not eligible for ESA+**.

- ESA+ is not available to students who are enrolled in their regular public school (including charter schools).

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Summer Training for ESA+ Families

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/esa-family-trainings/>

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