



ESA+ Supplemental Services: Being a School and a Provider

K12 Direct Payment Schools



NCSEAA
K12 SCHOLARSHIPS

A photograph of two young adults, a man and a woman, sitting at a wooden table in a bright room. The man is on the left, wearing a dark plaid shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. On the table are several notebooks, a smartphone, and some papers. A large teal shape is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the agenda text.

Agenda

01 What is an ESA+ Provider?

02 School vs Provider

03 Tuition and Fees

04 Tutoring and Teaching Services

05 Signing the Agreement *and a brief overview of next steps*

ESA+ Provider



ESA+ Allowable Expenses

The Education Student Accounts (ESA+) is a program for students with disabilities to attend a private or home school.

In addition to paying for required tuition and fees, parents can use their funds to pay for certain educational services.



Services that ESA+ Providers offer

Tutoring and Teaching Services

Educational Therapies

Transportation





Credentials

TUTORS

An active or inactive teaching license from North Carolina or another state

OR

Bachelor's degree

THERAPISTS

A license appropriate for their field

School vs Provider



What Distinguishes a School from a Provider?

Schools

- Register with DNPE
- May register with SEAA to become a Direct Payment School



Providers

- Enroll with SEAA so parents can use ESA+ funds to pay for allowable services

Schools vs Providers, continued

Schools

- Have a structured / standard cost
- Charge tuition and fees

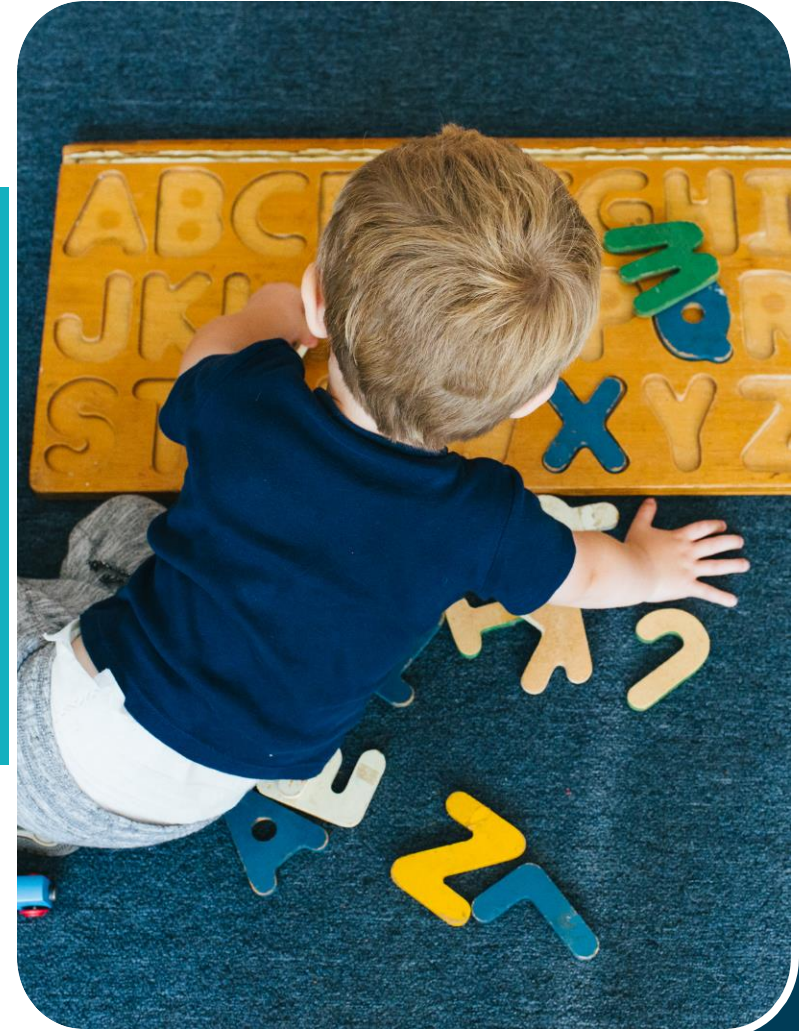


Providers

- Offer optional or à la carte educational services
- Charge for tutoring, therapy, or transportation

Parents cannot use ESA+ funds to buy *products* from Providers.

Providers offer *services*.



Required Tuition and Fees



Tuition and Fees ...



- Are structured / standard costs listed on the Tuition and Fee Schedule
- Can cover the teaching or educational therapy services that are a standard cost for a grade level or curriculum track
- Are required similarly of all students in a particular grade level or curriculum track

Certification

- Direct Payment Schools certify the cost of their required tuition and fees.
- SEAA disburses scholarship funds on behalf of students to pay those costs.
- Schools do NOT include the cost of Supplemental Services when they certify a student.



Supplemental Services



In-School Supplemental Services

Examples:

- 1:1 assistance / pull-out services
- Special education services based on individual needs



NOTE:

If your school offers a special education track, the costs are reported as tuition and fees. These are *not* Supplemental Services.

Supplemental Services are *individualized* services for which parents are *billed separately*.

Summer Learning Experiences

Does your school offer summer services that are therapeutic and/or academic? Do the staff directly providing the service have credentials?



Summer learning experiences are a type of Supplemental Services. ESA+ families can use their scholarship funds to pay for these services.

After School Services

Example:

Tutoring or Therapies that are offered outside the regular school day

Do you have individual teachers who are tutoring ESA+ students, and billing parents themselves?

Those tutors should enroll themselves individually as providers for ESA+.

If *your school* is billing the parent for these additional services, then your school should review and sign the School Provider Agreement.

Signing the School Provider Agreement

and next steps



The School Warrants that ...

- Employees providing services directly to the scholarship student **are credentialed** as required
- Employees providing services **are not a member of the student's immediate family**
- **Neither the employees nor the school will refund** scholarship funds directly to a parent or student



How does it all work?

NPS *Signs a School Provider Agreement*

NPS *Create ClassWallet account and links bank account to receive electronic payment*

NPS *Invoices parent for the Supplemental Services for the ESA+ Student*

Parent *Submits invoice in ClassWallet to pay with student's ESA+ funds*

NPS *Receives an electronic payment via ClassWallet*

FAQ

I heard there was a service fee in ClassWallet.

The ESA+ electronic account deducts a 2.5% transaction fee from the payment.

This is similar to fees for payments made by any credit card.

Can I charge the parent for this fee?

- Yes, if you have a policy to charge parents for credit card fees, or if you don't accept payments by credit card.
- No, if you accept payment by credit card and don't charge parents for that fee.

SEAA Resources

<https://k12.ncseaa.edu/school-admins/>
*Use the link in the left-side navigation –
from your School Administrators page*

School Support Team

Work with the same team
that assists you as a
Direct Payment School

NPS@ncseaa.edu

(919) 695-8742 (schools only)

ESA+ Team

Provides customer
service to parents

ESA@ncseaa.edu

(855) 330-3955 (for parents)

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Questions?

Reach out to us! We're happy to help.

