

RELEASE OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THE ESA+ RECIPIENT RECEIVES ESA+ SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

1. I am a Parent or guardian of a student who has been awarded a scholarship (“Scholarship”), consisting of State funds, from the Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program (the “ESA+ Program”). I understand that the ESA+ Program Scholarship may be used to pay tuition and fees for my student to attend an eligible nonpublic school located in North Carolina, an out-of-district public school for which the payment of tuition is required, or for Qualified Educational Expenses.
2. I have enrolled, or will enroll, my student in an eligible nonpublic school, an out-of-district public school for which the payment of tuition is required, or a home school full-time (hereafter referred to collectively as an “ESA+ Eligible School”) and confirm that I will use the Scholarship for payment of tuition and fees associated with my student’s enrollment or for Qualified Education Expenses.
3. I acknowledge that if I use the Scholarship to pay tuition and fees at an ESA+ Eligible School or for Qualified Education Expenses, G.S. § 115C-595(a)(2) of the Program statute requires that I release the local education agency (“LEA”), in which my student is eligible to attend, of all obligations to educate my student during the time my student attends an ESA+ Eligible School and receives ESA+ Scholarship funds.
4. **I, the undersigned Parent, on behalf of myself and my student, hereby release the local education agency (“LEA”), in which my student is eligible to attend public school and to whom my student would be assigned if my student chose to attend a public school in that LEA, and the LEA’s board members, officers, directors, employees and agents, of all obligations to educate my student during the time my student is receiving ESA+ Scholarship funds, with the exception of any obligations the LEA has to provide services to students in nonpublic schools under a Private School Service Plan (PSSP).**
5. By signing this Release of Local Education Agency (“Release”), I am acknowledging my understanding that children who are placed in an ESA+ Eligible School full-time by their parents do not have a right to receive all of the special education and related services that they would receive if enrolled in the public schools.
6. This Release is knowing and voluntary.
7. This Release is effective during the entirety of the time my student is receiving the Scholarship and participating in the Program.
8. Nothing in this Release should be construed to waive any rights or claims against the LEA prior to the date the student receives ESA+ Program scholarship funds or after the student is no longer receiving ESA+ Program scholarship funds.

Each fall, the LEA Release will be signed electronically in MyPortal by parents of students who have completed all other requirements and who will receive ESA+ scholarship funding.

If your student attends a private school, the task to sign the LEA Release will appear on the MyPortal To Do list after the school has confirmed enrollment of the student (the school process known as Certification).

Parents of Home School students should see the task on the MyPortal To Do list by the end of August.

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