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### Types of Withdrawals

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<th>Schools must notify the K12 Programs by email to <a href="mailto:NPS@ncseaa.edu">NPS@ncseaa.edu</a> if a student meets the requirements for a Withdrawal Form to be submitted.</th>
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<td>• <strong>Official Withdrawal</strong> the parent notifies the school that the student is withdrawn</td>
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Schools must notify the K12 Programs within 10 school days for Official Withdrawals.

| • **Unofficial Withdrawal** the student stops attending without notification from the parent |

Schools must notify the K12 Programs after 10 consecutive school days where a student has not attended school for Unofficial Withdrawals.

### Under what circumstances is a school required to submit the Withdrawal Form?

When a school has previously certified that a student is enrolled in the school, the school must submit the Withdrawal Form if the student does not in fact enroll, or if the student withdraws; whether or not payment has disbursed to the school.

A school does not need to submit a Withdrawal Form if:

- the school has certified the student as Not Enrolled.
- the student completes the school year but plans to attend another school the following school year.

### What about a student who stops attending school but is not officially withdrawn?

After 10 consecutive school days where a student has not attended school, and where the school is unable to communicate with the parent, the school should assume the student has withdrawn and notify the K12 Programs at SEAA. The withdrawal date is the last day the student attended classes or submitted work to the teacher.
Refunds

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Funds must be returned to the K12 Programs within 30 days (one month) of the student’s withdrawal date.

This withdrawal policy applies to all K12 Program students regardless of withdrawal or refund policies at the nonpublic school.
To calculate the withdrawal date, identify the last day when the student attended classes or submitted work to the teacher at the nonpublic school.
To calculate the weeks attended, count the number of weeks in the semester when the student attended or submitted classwork on any weekday (Monday – Friday) portion of a week.
To understand if a refund will be due, and if so, to anticipate the amount of that refund, see the chart below. Note that upon receipt of the Withdrawal Form, K12 Program staff will calculate the amount due and notify schools of the amount to refund.

What is the process to notify the K12 Program of a withdrawal?
1. Complete a K12 Program Withdrawal Form for each student. Complete one form per student even if the student receives funds from more than one K12 Program.
2. Email K12 Program staff to request an upload link in MyPortal.
3. Upload the Withdrawal Form(s) for the withdrawn student(s).
4. K12 Program staff will calculate a refund, if one is due, and notify the school official via email.

K12 Program staff may request the student’s attendance record in cases where a discrepancy occurs. Keep the attendance record unless or until it is requested.

Then, if a refund is due:
5. Make the check payable to the State Education Assistance Authority.
6. Mail a paper copy of the Withdrawal Form, or print the email from K12 Programs, with the check, to:

State Education Assistance Authority
K12 Programs – ROF
Notes regarding the Return of Funds:
• Wait to receive confirmation of the amount due from K12 Program staff.
• The school will return funds to the K12 Programs, and not to the parent. For ESA students, the school will not return funds to ClassWallet.
• Opportunity and Disabilities funds may be returned via one check. (Opportunity and/or Disabilities funds from multiple students can be included on the same check.)
• ESA funds must be returned separately, via a separate check. (ESA funds only from multiple students can be included on the same check.)
• You will not be asked to return cents; the refund amount will be rounded up, to the nearest dollar.
Schools should only certify students as attending if they are enrolled and attending. Schools should NOT endorse a student’s funds if the student has not yet attended the school.

A withdrawal form cannot be withheld from the K12 Programs due to outstanding obligations between the parent and the school.

The State Education Assistance Authority (SEAA) administers three North Carolina K12 Programs: the Opportunity Scholarship, the Disabilities Grant, and the Education Savings Account (ESA). The Withdrawal Process applies to all three of the North Carolina K12 Programs.

The K12 Programs at SEAA disburse funds to schools on the assumption that the student will attend the school for the entire semester for which the funds are awarded. When a student withdraws from school, the school has two important responsibilities.

1. Notify the K12 Programs within 10 school days (by email to NPS@ncseaa.edu).
2. Refund K12 Program funds according to this policy.

The Withdrawal Form can be found on the NCSEAA website here: [https://ncseaa2.sites.unc.edu/files/2020/10/K12WithdrawalForm.pdf](https://ncseaa2.sites.unc.edu/files/2020/10/K12WithdrawalForm.pdf)
Schools may have policies about withholding grades or other materials until financial matters are resolved with a family. Schools cannot withhold the K12 program withdrawal form.

Some students may stop attending without completing withdrawal processes, SEAA still requires a withdrawal form be submitted in these cases. If a student has not attended your school for 10 or more consecutive days without communication from the parent, you should consider that student withdrawn.

Schools are out of compliance if Scholarship or Grant recipients withdraw or stop attending and SEAA does not receive a withdrawal form.

**What are the deadlines for schools regarding this withdrawal policy?**

- The school must notify the K12 Programs, via electronic upload of the Withdrawal Form to MyPortal, within 10 school days (two weeks) of the student’s withdrawal date.
- The school must return funds to the Authority, if necessary, via check, within 30 calendar days (one month) of the student’s withdrawal date. Note the process below.

**Can a school transfer funds from a withdrawn student to another student?**

No. Funds must be returned to the K12 Programs within 30 days (one month) of the student’s withdrawal date.

**What are the consequences of failing to comply with this policy?**

Any school that fails to comply with this policy may lose eligibility to participate in the K12 Programs for all its students. SEAA will use all available State resources to recover any funds that a school owes to the K12 Programs, including referral to the North Carolina Attorney General’s Office for collection, and referral to external collection agencies.
This slide shows an example for what the “Disbursed” roster will show before and after a refund is received once the withdrawal process is started for a student.

- A “Red Arrow” under the status will show if a refund is due for a student
- Certification Code “C” – Student Withdrew, Eligible for Reduced Award
- A “New Term Amount” will show based on the amount of funding that the school will keep for the student
- A “Green $” under the status will show once a refund is processed for a student
Under “Standard Reports” tab on the home screen of MyPortal, schools can access a few reports that will help them track their Withdrawals/Refunds.

The first report is the “Refunds Due” report. This report will show any outstanding refunds for students (separated by program). Once the refund is processed, the student(s) will no longer show on this report.
The second report is the “K12 Withdrawals” report. This report will show the information that your school included on the Withdrawal Form that is submitted for a student. It will list the withdrawal reason and the last date of attendance. The report also shows the new term amounts.

The Fall Term Award Amounts now reflect the 50% amount for this example student, and it shows that the status is in “Refund Due”.

The Spring Term Award Amounts now show that the example student is ineligible to receive the scheduled spring funding since the student has withdrawn from the school.
Once a school notifies NCSEAA that they have a student that has withdrawn, NCSEAA staff will add a “Withdrawal Form” task to the school’s Taskpad.

If a school has more than one student that withdraws around the same time, the school should upload all Withdrawal Forms under the same task by combining the forms into one document.
Schools can access their “Disbursements / Refunds” under the “Payments” tab on the home screen of MyPortal. Once refunds have been processed for a school, they will appear separated by program and date. Schools can click “View” in order to see the students that a refund was processed for and the amount refunded for that student.
# Additional Information

- **[www.ncseaa.edu](http://www.ncseaa.edu)**
- **Email:** NPS@ncseaa.edu *(only for school officials)*
- **Phone:** 919-695-8742 *(only for school officials)*
  - 855-330-3955 *(for parents)*

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## Contact Information for Schools

There are new methods for schools to contact our staff. Please do not share this information with parents or others.

*(New) Email:* NPS@ncseaa.edu  *(New) Phone Number:* (919) 695-8742