



North Carolina State Education  
Assistance Authority

# ESA+

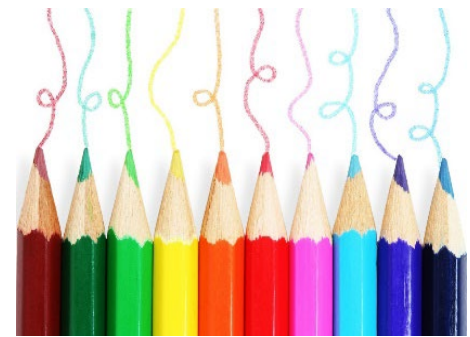
## *Choosing or Changing Your School*



# ESA+ Enrollment Options

1. Student enrolls in a private school.
  - a. School accepts a direct disbursement (most schools do this)
  - b. School does not accept a direct disbursement (parents are reimbursed)
2. Student enrolls in a home school.

There are part-time enrollment options.





# School Enrollment: *separate from ESA+*

**Important:** The ESA+ scholarship process does *not* automatically enroll your student in a school.

Families must work with their school of choice to secure enrollment.  
Start early!

# Agenda

1. Initial school choice
  - Deadlines
  - How to notify ESA+
2. Resources for school choice
3. Transfers from one school to another
4. How to use the [List of Nonpublic Schools](#)
5. Unique circumstances





# Initial School Choice

## By August 1

Your student's school choice in MyPortal should be correct each year by August 1. Otherwise, payment for the fall term is delayed.

## By October 1

If your student is not enrolled and attending by October 1, your ESA+ award could be canceled. Make sure MyPortal shows the correct school!

**School choice info online:** <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/choosing-a-school/>



# Initial School Choice: *how*

## Until August 1:

1. Find your school in the [Current List of Nonpublic Schools](#).
2. Go to the “School Choice” section on **MyPortal**
3. Choose a school or update your previous choice.

Avoid delayed payments!

## From August 1 until October 1:

**Email** the ESA+ Program. Include

- Full name of your student(s)
- Name of new school
- City of new school
- Enrollment date

Avoid forfeiting funding  
or losing the ESA+ award!



# Resources for School Choice

- [Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina \(PEFNC\)](#) is a resource to help families find schools. You can use their online tool, [NCSchoolsAroundMe](#), to get a customized list of the schools closest to you. They also offer a Parent Resource Guide for choosing a private school.
- North Carolina's [Division of Nonpublic Education](#) registers and monitors nonpublic schools in the State.

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# Transfers from one school to another

- Award funds from ESA+ can be sent to a maximum of two schools per semester.
- The amount of funds that can be paid to a 2<sup>nd</sup> school in a semester depends on how long the student attended the 1<sup>st</sup> school. *To calculate the amount of ESA+ funds your student can take to the 2<sup>nd</sup> school, see the chart and explanations under “How To Transfer Schools” <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/k12-forms-resources/>*
- To update a student’s school, the parent on file in MyPortal must email the appropriate program.
  - Include in the email:
    - Full name of student(s)
    - Name of New School
    - City of New School
    - Enrollment Date



# Transfers from one school to another, cont.

The ESA+ Program withdrawal process is **separate** from a school's withdrawal policy.

Communicate with the school regarding the school's withdrawal process.

## SEAA's List of Nonpublic Schools

<https://myportal.ncseaa.edu/NC/NonpublicSchools.aspx>

# SEAA's List of Nonpublic Schools

- Schools are sorted by county.
- Use “Control F” on your keyboard to find a school by name if you are not sure where it is.

County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Clay	Carolina Christian Academy	Hayesville
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Cleveland	Champion Christian Academy	Kings Mountain
Cleveland	Charity Christian School	Fallston
Cleveland	Grace Christian Academy	Kings Mountain
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Columbus	Carolina Adventist Academy	Whiteville
Columbus	Columbus Christian Academy	Charlotte
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Craven	Annunciation Catholic School	Havelock
Craven	Bear Town Academy, LLC	New Bern
Craven	Calvary Baptist Church School	New Bern

# SEAA's List of Nonpublic Schools, cont.

- Some names **start with “The”** so the school may not appear alphabetically as you expect.
- Schools may have **different campuses**. Each is listed separately and you must **choose the correct campus** where your student will enroll.

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Clay	Carolina Christian Academy	Hayesville
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Cleveland	Champion Christian Academy	Kings Mountain
Cleveland	Charity Christian School	Fallston
Cleveland	Grace Christian Academy	Kings Mountain
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Columbus	Carolina Adventist Academy	Whiteville
Columbus	Columbus Christian Academy	Charlotte
County	Nonpublic School Name	City
Craven	Annunciation Catholic School	Havelock
Craven	Bear Town Academy, LLC	New Bern
Craven	Calvary Baptist Church School	New Bern



# What if my school is not listed?

Some schools choose not to accept funds directly from SEAA. If the school is registered with North Carolina's Division of Nonpublic Education (DNPE) then parents of ESA+ students may be able to pay the tuition and be reimbursed by SEAA. Ask at the school and then ask ESA+ program staff.

**OR**

The school may not be registered with DNPE, which automatically means they can't accept funds from SEAA. Nor can a student benefit from ESA+ funds if enrolled there.

# Unique Circumstances: *enrollment at two schools / part-time enrollment*

ESA+ students who co-enroll in ... will receive ...

- two private schools: regular award
  - private school and home school: regular award
  - private school and public school: 50% of the award
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- **Students enrolled full time in a public school (including charter schools) may not benefit from any ESA+ funds.**

<https://www.ncseaa.edu/events>

- Wednesdays at noon
- Attend live or watch recordings

**June 8** ESA+ Overview

**June 15** How do Schools get Paid? When are ESA+ Funds Sent to ClassWallet?

**June 22** ESA+ Students at Schools Not Paid Directly by SEAA

**June 29** Choosing or Changing Your School

**July 6** ESA+ Continuing Eligibility

**July 13** Qualified Expenses and Shopping on ClassWallet

**July 20** Dual Enrolled Students (ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship)

**July 27** Planning for Summer 2023 Expenses

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