



North Carolina State Education  
Assistance Authority

# ESA+ :

*Continuing Eligibility*



# Why do we need Continuing Eligibility?

State law requires the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) to confirm a student's continuing eligibility for the ESA+ Program at least every three years.





# Continuing Eligibility: *update every 3 years*

The three-year cycle dates initially from the IEP Eligibility Determination, and then for renewals, from the date of the Continuing Eligibility form if parents use that option. **Look at the year.**

Families should start re-evaluation no later than early fall to allow enough time to complete this process. Families will receive email reminders, also visible in their MyPortal account, when it is time to complete re-evaluation.

# Continuing eligibility, update every 3 years, continued

**If the student's evaluation date is 2019 or older:**

- Begin reevaluation process fall 2022
- Reevaluation due to ESA+ 1/1/2023

**If the student's evaluation date is 2020 or older:**

- Begin reevaluation process fall 2023
- Reevaluation due to ESA+ 1/1/2024



# Continuing Eligibility: *two ways to update*

The date by which renewing students must have an updated documentation of a disability is January 1.

If your student's evaluation date in MyPortal is **older than 2020** ... you'll need to seek an update this fall (by January 1, 2023). *Students with evaluations dated 2020 and more recent don't need to update this fall.*

Two ways to update the evaluation date:

1. Review from a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist, **OR**
2. Updated Eligibility Determination from an NC public school.



# Continuing Eligibility: *delays in payment?*

If your student's evaluation is due to be updated by January 1, 2023, and SEAA does not have it by then ...

- Spring funds will be on hold pending receipt of the updated evaluation document.
- Your school will not be paid, nor will any deposits be made to ClassWallet.
- Upon renewing, student status will be ineligible.

Reach out to ESA+ Program staff regarding your timeline if you expect a delay past January 1.



# What if my child's area of eligibility has changed?

- Contact your local public school and request a re-evaluation.
- A full IEP is not required for this process. Seek an updated Eligibility Determination.



## Eligibility Determination

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**Student:**  
**School:**

**Student UID #:**  
**Grade:**

**DOB:**  
**Age:**

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<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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**Friday- 8am-5pm**