ESA+ and Home School:
Qualified Expenses and Shopping on ClassWallet
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Qualified Expenses
3. Educational Technology
4. Providers
   • Provider Registration
   • Paying Providers
5. Purchasing on ClassWallet
   • What is it?
   • Shopping on the platform
   • Tips for making purchases
6. Coming soon! (Product Provider enhancements)
7. Wrap up
Qualified Expenses

Textbooks
- Required by participating nonpublic school

Tutoring / teaching services
- Provider approved by SEAA & linked in ClassWallet

Curricula
- Grade appropriate
- Supports an academic program
- Membership to online curriculum acceptable

Fees for nationally standardized tests
- For home school students
Qualified Expenses, *continued*

**Fees for services provided by a public school**
- Seek direction from SEAA *before* beginning the services

**Educational therapies**
- Provider approved by SEAA & linked in ClassWallet
- Adaptive/therapeutic in nature; designed for students with special needs (Ex. ABA, Speech, OT, and PT)

**Educational Technology**
- Computers, software, assistive devices

**Student transportation**
- Provider approved by SEAA & linked in ClassWallet
- Transportation to / from educational services or activities
Examples of Excluded Expenses

- Consumable educational supplies like paper, markers, printer cartridges
- Household items
- Field trips
- Tickets to events
- Memberships to organizations
- Out of state services
- Sports equipment/musical instruments/art supplies
- Furnishings (e.g. a desk or chair)
Curricula / Examples from ClassWallet

- Grade appropriate
- Supports an academic program
- Membership to online curriculum acceptable

Educational Technology (limits)

- Funds cannot be used for the same category of item again within 3 years. This limitation is particularly important when purchasing a computer or tablet.

- Accessories for a computer may only be purchased in a bundle with the purchase of the computer (once every three years). Examples: wireless keyboard, mouse, printer, cables, etc.
Educational Technology (excluded items)

- Cell phones
- Internet or cell phone service
- Modem
- Gaming consoles (e.g., Xbox)
- Product / service installation
- Televisions
- Cameras and photography equipment
- Word processing programs (e.g., Microsoft Office)
- iPods
- Items purchased with a cell phone plan (e.g., tablets)
- USB drives (not purchased with a technology bundle)
- Headphones unless specifically designed as an assistive device
Providers
Helping your Preferred Providers

How do providers get on the list?

1. Register with SEAA
   • Submit a credential
   • Sign an agreement
2. Link with ClassWallet

Education Student Accounts (ESA+) Program

- Documentation of a Disability
- Interested in Education Savings Account
- ESA: New Scholarship Families
- ESA: Current Scholarship Families
- ESA: Statutes, Rules, & Data
- Provider Registration
- ESA Events

www.ncseaa.edu/k12/esa/
Tutoring/Teaching Services and Educational Therapy invoices must include:

- Name of provider / company
- Student’s name and the name of the parent being charged
- Type of service/therapy
- Amount charged for service/therapy expense
- Line item for 2.5% Transaction Fee, if included
Like with a credit card company, there is a transaction fee in ClassWallet: 2.5%. Merchants and most providers absorb this fee as a cost of doing business (just like they do with Visa or American Express).

If your provider does not typically take credit cards, or if they charge all clients credit card fees, then you can pay the fee with your ESA+ funds.
Tutoring

ESA+ has recently added a comprehensive tutoring program on the ClassWallet Platform.

Parents can access 1-on-1 private tutoring via online learning technology for their ESA+ students with Varsity Tutors.

Many Sylvan Learner Centers are already registered providers. Check the list to see if the one nearest you is included. If not, have them reach out to ESA+. We’ll register them.
How to Purchase on ClassWallet
ClassWallet is:

- a separate company that partners with SEAA.
- an online platform that hosts the **electronic account** on behalf of the ESA+ Program.
- where ESA+ families use remaining funds (after tuition has been disbursed to school) to:
  - make a payment to a service provider.
  - purchase products that are ESA+ Qualifying Expenses.
1. Login to ClassWallet
2. Click on “start shopping”
Purchasing on ClassWallet, *continued*

3. Select “View All Stores”
4. Select the Vendor (the store) where you would like to make a purchase.
5. Select items to purchase.
6. Select an expense category for your order.
7. Check out.
8. ESA+ staff review the order.
Tips for ESA+ purchases on ClassWallet

- Select 1 expense category per purchase
  (i.e. don’t mix technology and curricula in the same transaction)

- If you have a questionable item ...
  - Put it in a separate transaction
  - Consider adding a comment to explain
Coming Soon! *(it’s about providers)*

- **New Provider Portal** (easier for providers to register)
- **Searchable Provider List** (look for providers already registered)
- **Provider Process Improvements** (boring to explain, but easier for staff = faster for you)
- **Product Provider Registration** (options for businesses to register with ESA+ → more preferred options for curricula)
Contact information

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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