



## ESA+ News You Can Use

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### Allowable Expenses: Curricula

*This is the first in a series of articles that will explore the different categories of allowable expenses.*

Curricula and curriculum materials are learning resources such as lesson plans, learning kits, or workbooks used to teach a particular subject. Materials must clearly support one of the following academic subjects: **math, science, English/language arts, social studies, or foreign languages.**

ESA+ families can shop for curricula in two places:

1. The [ClassWallet](#) marketplace
2. [NCSEAA Provider Search](#) (visit "[Where to Shop for Curricula](#)" for a list of providers that offer Curricula)

### Can I Buy Anything Listed on ClassWallet?

No. ClassWallet is a nationwide marketplace, so not all products listed on the site are eligible for purchase with North Carolina ESA+ funds. Once you find a product you want to purchase, you must make sure that it meets the requirements listed above.

### What about LEGO® sets?

LEGO® Education is currently the only type of LEGO® product approved for purchase with ESA+ funds. These sets meet the allowability requirement

because they provide academic instruction or information (such as booklets or lesson plans) and an opportunity for students to practice an academic skill.

For more information and examples of allowed Curricula, consult the [Curricula page](#) of the ESA+ website. If you are still unsure if a purchase is allowable, contact the ESA+ program staff.

## ESA+ Renewals – Parent Agreement, W9

Please disregard the 2023-2024 parent agreement and W9 that currently appear as action items on the MyPortal To Do List. These items will be removed, and we will send a notification to families later in the spring to complete them.

## Reminders

### Minimum Spending to Renew an Award

A minimum of \$1,000 in ESA+ funds awarded in a school year must be spent before the end of that school year (mid-June). Direct tuition payments and/or approved allowable expenses that total \$1,000 meet the requirement. If the minimum spend requirement isn't met by the end of the school year, the student loses the renewal award and must start over again as a new applicant.

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## Resources and Upcoming Events

*NOTE: Events and resources sponsored by organizations other than SEAA are listed as a courtesy to our ESA+ families. SEAA is not responsible for any representations or information provided to the public by non-affiliated organizations.*

The Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) is North Carolina's [Family to Family Health Information Center](#) and can provide families with information about Medicaid, Community Alternatives Program for Children (CAP/C), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and guardianship. For more information call 1-800-962-6817.

The [DeafBlind Taste of Technology Expo](#) will take place Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 10am to 5pm at the McKimmon Conference and Training Center at NC State University. Registration ends on March 13, 2023.

[Thrive! The NCHE Homeschool Conference](#): May 25-27, 2023, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

[Transitioning to College for Students with Disabilities](#): Website features planning resources from the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC).