



## ESA+ News You Can Use

Welcome to the ESA+ newsletter for families – your source for the latest news and important information about the ESA+ program!

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### Enrollment in Two Schools

When one school doesn't meet all their needs, a family may choose to enroll in two schools that accept ESA+ funding. For instance, a student who thrives in their current private school may also need a school that specializes in learning disabilities. Another family may decide that a combination of home school and private school is the best option for their student.

The ESA+ program offers enrollment options that enable families to personalize their student's education. These include full-time private school, full-time home school, or co-enrollment in two schools. To learn more about your school options, visit "[Choosing a School](#)" on the ESA+ website.

### ESA+ Enrollment Options

- 1 private school
- 1 home school
- 1 private school + 1 private school (co-enrollment)
- 1 private school + 1 public school\* (co-enrollment, reduced award)
- 1 home school + 1 public school\* (co-enrollment, reduced award)
- 1 home school + 1 private school (co-enrollment)

\*Co-enrollment in a public school depends on the policies of the local public school district.

## Resource for Families Who Receive the ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship

Parents of students who receive an Opportunity Scholarship and ESA+ award have unique challenges. To learn more about timelines and how to benefit the most from both programs, see the webinar [“ESA+ and Opportunity Scholarship: Dual Enrolled Students.”](#)

### Reminders

Check your email for a message that went out from the ESA+ program on March 31, 2023. It contains important information about deadlines for using 2022-2023 funds.

## 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.*

**North Carolina Down Syndrome Conference:** On April 22, 2023, the North Carolina Down Syndrome Alliance will host the [North Carolina Down Syndrome Conference](#). Conference sessions cover diverse topics relevant across the lifespan of individuals with Down syndrome. Anyone who supports a person with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities is encouraged to attend.

**Free STEM Resource Event for Middle and High School Students** Catalyst is a program designed to create STEM opportunities for North Carolina students with disabilities. On April 22 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Catalyst will host “Reach for the Stars! Be a Star!” a free STEM resource event for middle and high school students with disabilities. The event will take place at NC State’s McKimmon Center. Register at: [Reach for the Stars! Be a Star! STEM Fair | The Science House \(ncsu.edu\)](#)

**Month of the Military Child Resources:** The Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center (ECAC) has created a calendar of resources for North Carolina military families who have a child with a disability: [2023-Month-of-Military-Child-Calendar-1.pdf \(ecac-parentcenter.org\)](#). ECAC also offers [ECAC Military Connection](#), a Facebook group created to provide a place for North Carolina Military families who have a child with a disability and/or special health care needs. Any military status or branch of service, active or retired, are welcome to the group.

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