



ESA+ News You Can Use

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Is it Time to Have Your Student Re-Evaluated?

Deadline Approaching for Evaluations Prior to January 2020

Families must provide a re-evaluation of their student's disability every three years to remain eligible to participate in the ESA+ program. **You received an email reminder in MyPortal if it is time for your student to be re-evaluated.**

The re-evaluation deadline is **June 1 if your student's evaluation on file took place before January 1, 2020**. If the update is not submitted by the deadline any renewal submitted will become invalid, spring funds will be forfeited, and your student will be unable to continue in the program for the 2023-2024 school year.

Re-evaluation options:

If the primary or secondary disability listed on the student's Eligibility Determination has not changed, families have two options for re-evaluation:

1. Public School Eligibility Determination: The local public school system assesses the student to determine if the student continues to be a child with a disability. The document to submit to ESA+ is the Eligibility Determination issued by the IEP team.

or

2. Psychologist Assessment*: A North Carolina Licensed Psychologist with a school psychology focus or a North Carolina Licensed Psychiatrist assesses the student. The document to submit to ESA+ is the [Continuing Eligibility Form](#). ESA+ funds may be used for the assessment if the provider is approved and registered with the ESA+ program.

*Exceptions to Psychologist Assessment Option: The Psychologist Assessment cannot be used to document a change in the area of disability, or if the student's only disability designated on the IEP Eligibility Determination is Developmental Delay.

More information about the re-evaluation process can be found on the program website, under [Documentation of a Disability - NCSEAA](#).

Opportunity Scholarship Awards for 2023-2024

Award offers for the 2023-2024 Opportunity Scholarship program were sent out April 20 in MyPortal. Make sure to check MyPortal if you applied! For more information about this income-based program see the Opportunity Scholarship [web page](#).

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.

Free Virtual Courses for High Schoolers: Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) and Disability: IN North Carolina will offer free courses on self-advocacy and workplace readiness for high school students with disabilities. Classes meet weekly June 12 - July 26: <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/resource-documents/star-program-flyer-pre-ets/>

Free Virtual Intro to American Sign Language Course for Spanish-Speaking Families: BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing will offer a free virtual Introduction to American Sign Language course for Spanish-speaking families. Instruction in this course will be presented in ASL and Spanish only. View the [English flyer](#) or the [Spanish flyer](#) to register!

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