

ESA+ News You Can Use

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The LEA Release



A Requirement for Full-Time ESA+ Students

Each year, parents of ESA+ students must sign an "LEA (Local Education Agency) Release." This document releases the public school from the obligation to educate students while they receive ESA+ funds. Parents of all full-time ESA+ students must sign the Release before funds can be sent to the school or ClassWallet.

The LEA Release will appear as a task on MyPortal that you will need to sign electronically. If you haven't received it, refer to the Frequently Asked Questions below.* To view a sample LEA Release, visit our <u>website</u>.

Why Don't I have an LEA Release task in MyPortal yet?

<u>Students Attending Private Schools:</u> Your school hasn't confirmed your student's enrollment. Contact your school to ask if they are ready to confirm your student's enrollment and submit cost information ("certification"). Contact us if you don't see the Release by **September 15**. We can reach out to your school.

Students Attending Home Schools or ESA+ Reimbursement Schools Students attending these schools should see the task on their to-do list by August 23. Please email us if you haven't seen it by that date.

<u>Students attending public schools part time</u> Parents of students who are attending public school part time will not sign the Release.

<u>Students attending an out-of-district public schoot</u> Parents of students who attend an out-of-district public school will receive separate instructions about the LEA Release.

*If your student's MyPortal record has other outstanding tasks, those requirements could also delay the LEA Release. Check your To Do list and email us at <u>ESA@ncseaa.edu</u> with questions.

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.

Homeschool Kickoff to College – On August 29 at 3 p.m., the College Foundation of North Carolina will host a free webinar featuring tips and resources to help homeschooled students on their path to college and scholarships. The session is appropriate for middle and high school homeschool students and parents. Register

Fall 2023 ASL Storytelling – NC DSDHH is hosting American Sign Language Storytelling Time for children through Zoom. Please see the attached flyer for information. 2023 Fall ASL Storytelling Flyer.docx (live.com)

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