



## ESA+ News You Can Use

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### Attention: Home School Families



#### School Changes

Home school families have until October 1, 2023, to change their school choice from a home school to a direct payment school. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, families will need to wait until the beginning of spring semester to make a change.

### Direct Payment Schools: Did You Know?

Certification and Endorsement for school payments is a three-step process that must be completed in the order listed below. Once these steps are complete, we can release funds to your school, and if additional funds remain, funds then are sent to ClassWallet.

**Step 1:** Direct Payment School certifies student (confirms they are enrolled & provides cost information to SEAA)

**Step 2:** Direct Payment School endorses scholarship amount (confirms student is attending the school)

**Step 3:** Parent endorses scholarship amount (confirms that the amount to be paid is correct)

Schools must certify and endorse first, before parents can endorse!

To learn more, check out the presentation "[Using Your 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.*

**Deaf Awareness Day at Western NC Nature Center**– On September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm, North Carolina’s Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will host a Deaf Awareness Day at the Western NC Nature Center. American Sign Language interpreters will be provided. For more information see [flier](#).

**Teen Retreat at Camp Royall**– The Autism Society of North Carolina invites independent teens, ages 13-22, to spend the weekend at Camp Royall, the nation’s largest and oldest autism camp. September 22-24, cost: \$320; payment plans and scholarship funding are available. More information can be found on the Autism Society [website](#).

**Dyslexia Tool Kit** – The Exceptional Children’s Assistance Center (ECAC) has a free [dyslexia tool kit](#) that contains information and resources about dyslexia, as well as tips for communicating with your child’s school.

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