

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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Webinar



How to Plan for Summer Expenses

Do you want to use ESA+ funds for summer tutoring, therapy, or academic experiences? Join us for a free webinar on December 1st from 12 - 1 pm to find out more about how to plan ahead for summer 2024.

Register

Reminders

Submit ClassWallet Orders by December 15th to Ensure Timely Processing

ClassWallet closes for year-end finance processing between December 21, 2023 – January 1, 2024. See below for important year-end deadlines and reminders:

December 15, 2023: If you need an order in December, make sure to upload orders by December 15, 2023, to ensure timely processing. Refer to the <u>Allowable Expenses</u> guidelines to ensure your order is correct before submitting.

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December 21, 2023: ClassWallet closes at 5:00 pm for year-end finance processing.

January 2, 2024: ClassWallet re-opens at 9:00 am. Families can resume submitting orders.

If you have questions about your student's ESA+ account or the use of ClassWallet, forward this email with your questions to ESA@ncseaa.edu. We are here to help!

Unused Funds?

You may receive a call from program staff if you haven't yet spent any ESA+ funds this school year. We periodically check in with families who haven't spent funds to find out if you have any questions or need assistance with navigating the payment process.

Continuing Eligibility

Families must provide updated documentation of their student's disability every three years to remain eligible for the ESA+ program. A Continuing Eligibility Task has been added to MyPortal for students who have a 2020 eligibility determination on file. Families must complete the Task by **January 1, 2024**. For more information, please see <u>Documentation of a Disability</u> (scroll down the page to "Renewing Families").

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.

Holiday Party – December 9^{th} from 1-4 pm, Triangle Disability & Autism Services will host a holiday party for children with intellectual and development disabilities and their families in Raleigh. The event will feature music, dancing, crafts, and photo opportunities with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. <u>More information</u>

Webinar – On December 5th from 9:30 – 11 am, the Autism Society of North Carolina will host "After the Diagnosis: Helping the Older Child Navigate the Journey," a free webinar for families whose children were diagnosed with autism after the age of eight. The session will cover options and resources to support families. To register, email jsmithmyer@autismsociety-nc.org

North Carolinians for Home Education (NCHE) Homeschool Night at the Charotte Hornets – Join fellow homeschoolers on January 8th at 7 pm for NCHE Night as the Charlotte Hornets take on the Chicago Bulls. NCHE ticket prices range from \$22.70 (upper levels) to \$99 (lower levels). Ticket price includes early VIP admission, a Hornets T-shirt, and the opportunity to practice on court prior to the game. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the NCHE website.

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