

# Overview of Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES)



Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) are **on-line accounts** for eligible parents/caregivers of students with significant and complex disabilities that have been impacted by COVID-19 school closures.

Families of students with eligible disabilities can use the on-line accounts to **obtain special educational resources and supplies and/or services such as additional speech therapy or other specific services**. SSES credits are up to **\$1,500 per student** to be used to supplement what otherwise happens in school to help students continue to make educational progress.

**Families can receive up to \$1,500 per student to purchase goods and services.**



## What is SSES?

An online account that families can use to obtain goods and services up to the dollar value in the account which will supplement and bolster services a child is already receiving in school.



## Who Qualifies?

The SSES program is for students with significant cognitive and complex disabilities:

- All students must have been enrolled in a Texas public school in the 2019-2020 school year and be currently enrolled in the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Grades K-2:** A combination of the student's primary disability and their educational setting will determine qualification.
- **Grades 3-12:** Students who qualify for the STAAR ALT II assessment.

For more specific information on criteria visit [tea.texas.gov/SSES](http://tea.texas.gov/SSES).



## What can Families Purchase?

Families can purchase resources and supplies or services for their students, items such as:

- Tutoring in all subjects
- Educationally related services (OT, PT, BCBA, SLP)
- Textbook, curriculum, or other instructional materials
- Computer hardware, software, or other technological devices that are used for educational needs