# Program Overview: **Parent-Directed Special** Education Services (PDSES)

PDSES provides a \$1,500 one-time grant to parents of students who are both enrolled in a Texas public school and receive special education services. Parents can use PDSES grant funds to purchase educational goods and services for their student on the online marketplace.

# Who's eligible for the grant?

To be eligible for a PDSES grant, students must:



- be currently enrolled in a Texas public school (grades PK-12<sup>th</sup>),
- receive special education services through an individualized education program (IEP), and

have **NOT** received a Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) or PDSES grant in the past – PDSES is a **one-time only grant**.

# How do we apply?

Create a My SPEDTex account on the SPEDTex website. You will need to create an account in order to apply when the application opens.

Visit PDSES.TEA.TEXAS.GOV and click on "Learn More."



This is a first come, first served grant. If you believe your student is eligible, we encourage you to apply when the application opens.

## More Information & Help:

• Email: <u>PDSESHelp@Region10.org</u>

O Phone: 1-855-773-3839



# The 2024-2025 School Year **Application Window is:**



# What can we purchase?

With PDSES accounts, parents are able to purchase educational goods and services from the PDSES online marketplace.



## **Educational goods such as:**

- Books
- Laptops
- School Supplies Sensory Items

Therapeutic Items

- Tablets

## Services such as:

- Tutoring
- Therapy
- Social Skills
- Camps





Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to tell you about the Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) \$1,500 grant, a program designed to help families in purchasing educational goods and services for their children. We have determined that your student/family will likely qualify for the <u>PDSES Program</u>.

## PDSES provides \$1,500 grants per eligible student to purchase items such as tutoring, educational services, textbooks, curriculum, or technology devices.

## Important information:

- The 2024-2025 school year's application opens at 8am (CST) on February 3 and closes at 5pm (CST) on March 31, 2025.
- **This is a one-time only grant**. If you have previously applied for or received a PDSES grant or a Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) grant, you cannot reapply for the same student.

## What can I do today?

- Go to the <u>pdses.tea.texas.gov</u> website today to sign up for email updates. The PDSES program will send reminders about the application window and additional details for applying.
- Create a <u>My SPEDTex Account</u>. Once the application opens, you will use this account to apply.

#### When the application opens:

 Visit <u>pdses.tea.texas.gov</u> and click on "Learn More" to begin the application process.

#### If awarded a PDSES account:

• Complete the account activation – log in and sign the PDSES Parental Agreement within 30 days of receiving your account email.

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- Use the PDSES online marketplace to purchase education resources and/or services.
- Spend your grant funds before the deadline you will receive this date in an email along with your account information.

Thank you,

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