

# 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.




Your student may be eligible for a **\$1,500 grant!**



## Who's eligible for the grant?

To be eligible for a PDSES grant, students must:

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- 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](https://www.spedtex.org). You will need to create an account in order to apply when the application opens.
- Visit [PDSES.TEA.TEXAS.GOV](https://pdses.tea.texas.gov) and click on "Learn More."

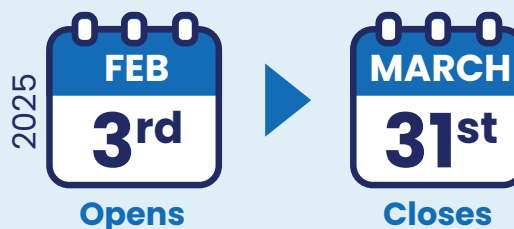


This is a first come, first served grant. If you believe your student is eligible, we encourage you to apply when the application opens.

## More Information & Help:

- **Email:** [PDSESHelp@Region10.org](mailto:PDSESHelp@Region10.org)
- **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
- School Supplies
- Laptops
- Sensory Items
- Tablets
- Therapeutic Items

### Services such as:

- Tutoring
- Social Skills
- Therapy
- Camps



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**PDES 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.**
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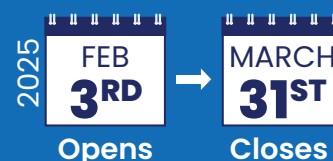
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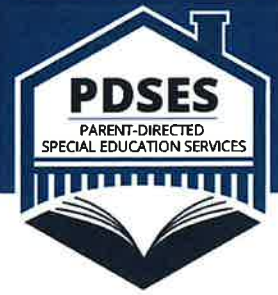
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Thank you,

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Special Education Director  
Raul Yzaguirre Schools for Success

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