

INFORMATION FOR EDUCATION PROVIDERS

## What to Know About the NEW Education Savings Account Offering for Texas Families!



### What Is an Education Savings Account (ESA)?

The \$1 Billion Dollar Texas Education Savings Account (ESA) program allows **approved providers (private schools, educational services, therapists, etc.)** to receive payments from eligible families ranging from \$2,000 – \$30,000 per participating student.

### Can My School/Program Participate?

Any accredited Pre-K through 12th grade private school and/or accredited alternative school model (e.g., microschool, homeschool co-op, etc.) can accept ESA funds. **Non-traditional providers (such as online programs and therapists)** must meet state-defined quality benchmarks.

### How Much Can I Receive in Payments per Student Each Year?

- **Approximately \$10,000** per student
- **Up to \$30,000** for students with disabilities
- **\$2,000** for homeschool students

### How Often are Payments Made?

**Payments will be made as follows: 25%** no later than July 1st, **50%** no later than October 1st, **Remaining amount** no later than April 1st

### Do I Need to Be Accredited to Participate in the ESA Program?

**Yes, schools must be accredited and operating for 2 years.** Non-school providers like **therapists and tutors must be certified** in accordance with state standards. (Details to be released later this year).

### How and When Can I Apply?

You can **sign up on the [Best Place for Students™ website](#)** – we'll notify you as soon as the education provider application becomes available! (**[Sign me up for notifications!](#)**) **It's that easy – and there is no fee to apply!**

### Do I Have to Administer the STAAR Test?

**No, providers are NOT required to administer the STAAR test.** Private schools are already required to give their students a nationally norm-referenced test each year in math and reading.

### What Are My Reporting Requirements?

Each year, providers are required to:

- **Private Schools must submit grades 3–12 testing data for participating students.**
- **Providers and schools must conduct background checks.**
- **Provide compliance information** for financial transactions.
- **Maintain student confidentiality** and cooperate with audits.

