Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES)

Parental Acknowledgment & Agreement (Affidavit)

The PDSES Accountholder ACKNOWLEDGES and AGREES to the following:

- ✓ The PDSES program is intended to provide goods and services to eligible students above and beyond what the school provides as part of a student's Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- ✓ PDSES is a voluntary program that provides support to eligible students and their families. Participation is optional, and approval, funding, and continued participation are subject to applicable law, program requirements, and the availability of funds.
- ✓ The student associated with the PDSES account must remain eligible both when the account is awarded and when spending grant funds. The accountholder should not activate the account unless their student is currently eligible for the program. If their student becomes ineligible while funds remain, the accountholder agrees to immediately stop using funds and promptly notify PDSES administration. As a reminder, to be eligible for the PDSES account, a student must:
  - be currently enrolled in membership in a Texas public school (grades pre-K through 12th);
  - receive special education services through an individualized education program (IEP); and
  - have not received a PDSES grant in the past. PDSES is a one-time-only grant.
- ✓ The PDSES account is intended solely for the approved accountholder. The account may not be sold, transferred, shared, or otherwise made available to another person.
- ✓ All purchases must be used towards providing a direct educational benefit to the eligible student in accordance with the PDSES Purchasing Guidelines and may not be used for other purposes.
- ✓ All purchases made with PDSES funds will be reviewed by PDSES administration. Purchases may be denied if they do not follow the PDSES Purchasing Guidelines.
- ✓ Reimbursements are not allowed. All purchases must be made through the PDSES Marketplace using the marketplace payment system.
- ✓ If PDSES funds are used for services, those services may not be provided by anyone who has an actual or perceived conflict of interest with the student, including family members or individuals with a personal, financial, or familial relationship that could influence service delivery.
- ✓ The accountholder is expected to communicate with PDSES administration in a respectful and professional manner. Abusive, threatening, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate conduct toward program staff or representatives is inconsistent with program expectations.
- ✓ PDSES administration may terminate this account and reclaim funds if:
  - the account is not activated within 30 calendar days,
  - misuse, or attempted misuse, of PDSES funds is identified,
  - funds are not utilized within the provided timeframe,
  - PDSES purchase guidelines are not followed, or
  - the accountholder engages in abusive, threatening, harassing, or otherwise inappropriate conduct.
- ✓ PDSES administration may modify program procedures, purchasing requirements, or funding timelines as necessary to comply with applicable law, rule, or program requirements.

Certification:

I have read, understand, acknowledge, and agree to the requirements for participation in the PDSES program.

The PDSES Parental Acknowledgment and Agreement is in accordance with the statutory authority granted under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§29.041–29.049, which created the Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) program, and the Commissioner's Rules governing the program, as set forth in Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §102.1601.