

NONEDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTS (NECBS)

WHAT IS NECBS?

The NECBS program supports students who have been placed, or are at risk of being placed, by their admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee in a residential program approved under [Texas Education Code \(TEC\) §29.008](#). Parents of eligible students receive an initial \$5,000 account and can request additional funding later if eligible. Parents use their NECBS account to purchase services from approved providers through the NECBS Marketplace. These services help their child build stability, increase independence, and participate successfully in less restrictive home and community environments.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for NECBS, students must receive special education services in a Texas public school and be placed by their admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee in a program on TEA's list of [approved day-placement and residential programs](#) under [Texas Education Code \(TEC\) §29.008](#). Eligible students must be either:

- ◆ placed in an [approved residential program](#); **or**
- ◆ placed in an [approved day-placement program](#), and be at risk of placement in an approved residential program.

WHAT CAN BE PURCHASED?*



Family Support and Training: Equips caregivers with behavioral strategies, routine guidance, and coaching to meet their student's unique needs.



Independent Living and Daily Living Skills: Hands-on training in personal care, household management, and navigation to build everyday autonomy.



Behavioral and Social Supports: Targeted programs and social groups that teach emotional regulation, coping skills, and positive peer relationships.



Community Integration: Local activities and clubs that foster social connections and real-world independence.



Transition and Adulthood Preparation: Job readiness, self-advocacy, and skills training for a smooth transition into postsecondary life.



Respite and Caregiver Supports: Maintain stability in the home and strengthen family well-being.

**These examples do not include every service that may be approved.*

HOW TO APPLY

Parents who wish to apply should start by visiting the [NECBS homepage](#) on SPEDTex to learn more about the program and access the application through the NECBS Parent Portal.

