



Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSes)

Purchasing Guidelines

Basic Rules for All PDSes Purchases:

- Funds must only be used for the direct educational benefit of the eligible student.
- All purchases must be made through the PDSes Marketplace.
- Reimbursements are not allowed.
- Purchase requests may be denied if they do not comply with these guidelines.
- Purchase denials may not be appealed.
- These guidelines may be updated periodically.

Additional Rules for Certain PDSes Purchases:

◆ Computers and Tablets

Accountholders may purchase **one computer** (laptop or desktop) and **one tablet** (such as an iPad) for each eligible student. Additional computers or tablets will not be approved.

◆ Price Limits

Price limits have been established for certain items. The list below includes the most requested items, but not all.

- Headphones: **\$250 total** (families may buy multiple pairs; total cost cannot exceed \$250)
- Printers: **\$400**
- Monitors: **\$300**
- Desks: **\$300**
- Desk chairs: **\$200**
- Sports equipment: **\$100**
- Speakers: **\$100**

◆ Quantity Limits

Orders are reviewed based on the number of similar or identical items requested. If the quantity requested exceeds what the eligible student could reasonably use or benefit from, the order may be denied.

Items That Cannot Be Purchased With PDSes Funds:

- ☒ Cleaning supplies (paper towels, dish soap, mops, brooms, vacuums)
- ☒ General household items (coffee makers, kitchen items, tools, appliances)
- ☒ Home security equipment (surveillance cameras, doorbell cameras)
- ☒ Smart speakers and streaming devices (Alexa devices, Google Assistant devices, Roku devices, Fire TV Sticks)
- ☒ General furniture, except desks, desk chairs, and learning-related organizational items
- ☒ Food or drinks, including bottled water
- ☒ Medical supplies (first-aid kits, thermometers, air purifiers, hygiene items)

When to Include a Justification:

Provide a justification if it may not be clear how an item supports the student's educational needs or goals. Parents can use the "justification" field when placing an order to help the reviewer understand how the item will support the student's educational needs or goals.

Certification:

I have read, understand, acknowledge, and agree to these purchasing guidelines for the PDSes program.

PDSes Purchasing Guidelines are administered in accordance with applicable state law and administrative rules, including [Texas Education Code \(TEC\), §§29.041–29.049](#) and [19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\), §102.1601](#).

