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Noneducational Community-Based Supports Program (NECBS)

What is NECBS?

Program Description

The Noneducational Community-Based Support Services (NECBS) grant program provides funding for approved noneducational supports that help eligible students with disabilities and their families **build stability, increase independence, and participate successfully in home and community settings**. The program is designed to help families address needs associated with a student's residential placement or risk of residential placement by supporting participation in less restrictive environments.

Parents of eligible students may apply for the grant to access **approved community-based supports that meet their student's and family's unique needs**. Once approved, parents will be provided an online account through which they may purchase services from NECBS-approved service providers.

Which students are eligible for NECBS?

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for NECBS, students must receive special education services in a Texas public school, and their ARD committee must have placed them either:

- In a **residential program** approved under TEC §29.008; or
- In a **day placement program** approved under TEC §29.008 and determined that the student is **at risk of being placed in a residential program*** approved under TEC §29.008.

Approved Day/Residential Program list

***"At risk of being placed in a residential program"** means the school district or ARD committee has proposed residential placement as a possibility if the student's current placement is not adequately meeting the student's needs.

How do parents apply?

1. Go to the NECBS Homepage on **SPEDTex.org**
2. Create or log in to the **NECBS Parent Portal**
3. Select **NECBS Application** from the menu
4. Create a **New Application** and complete all sections
5. **Submit.** NECBS will process within 30 days.

WHEN TO APPLY

There is no application window. Parents of eligible students can apply at any time.

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO APPLY

- Student name, date of birth and UID
- Parent name and contact information
- Most recent IEP showing the approved placement
- Reintegration Plan, if not included in the IEP

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUESTED

If residential placement was considered, NECBS may ask for supporting records:

- ARD committee documentation
- Prior Written Notice or other records

What happens after an application is processed?

If eligible, the parent receives a $5,000 award in their NECBS marketplace account

Parents must activate their account by agreeing to the NECBS Parental Acknowledgment and Agreement and the NECBS Purchasing Guidelines

Families are encouraged to create a Support Plan for their student to identify family goals and explore allowable services

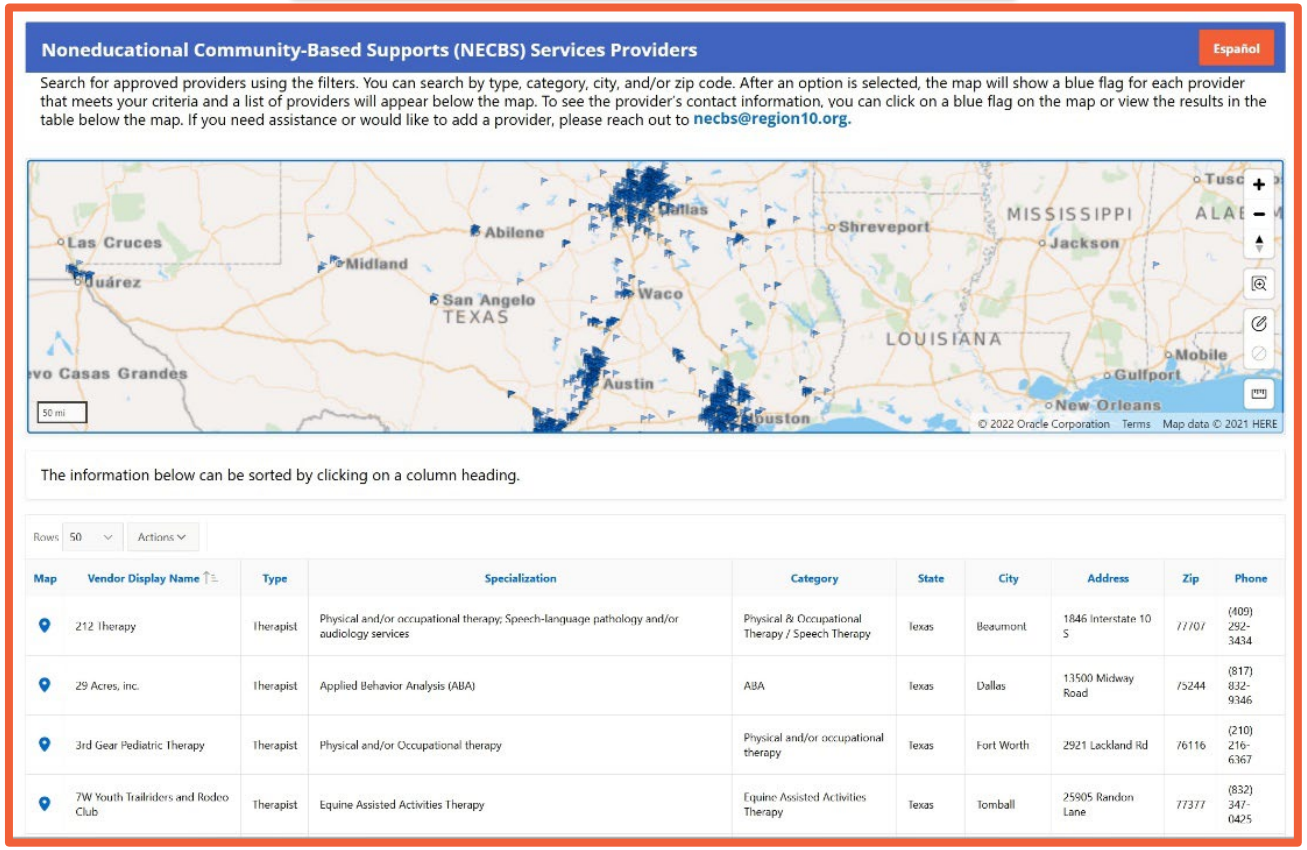
Families browse the NECBS marketplace and arrange services to meet their student and family needs

If a student is found to be ineligible, they will have the opportunity to reapply when the student meets eligibility requirements.

How do parents find providers?

Parents of eligible students can use NECBS funds to purchase services from approved service providers.

NECBS Service Provider Map



Noneducational Community-Based Supports (NECBS) Services Providers

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Search for approved providers using the filters. You can search by type, category, city, and/or zip code. After an option is selected, the map will show a blue flag for each provider that meets your criteria and a list of providers will appear below the map. To see the provider's contact information, you can click on a blue flag on the map or view the results in the table below the map. If you need assistance or would like to add a provider, please reach out to necbs@region10.org.

The information below can be sorted by clicking on a column heading.

Rows 50 Actions

Map	Vendor Display Name	Type	Specialization	Category	State	City	Address	Zip	Phone
	212 Therapy	Therapist	Physical and/or occupational therapy; Speech-language pathology and/or audiology services	Physical & Occupational Therapy / Speech Therapy	Texas	Beaumont	1846 Interstate 10 S	77707	(409) 292-3434
	29 Acres, Inc.	Therapist	Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)	ABA	Texas	Dallas	13500 Midway Road	75244	(817) 832-9346
	3rd Gear Pediatric Therapy	Therapist	Physical and/or Occupational therapy	Physical and/or occupational therapy	Texas	Fort Worth	2921 Lackland Rd	76116	(210) 216-6367
	7W Youth Trailriders and Rodeo Club	Therapist	Equine Assisted Activities Therapy	Equine Assisted Activities Therapy	Texas	Tomball	25905 Randon Lane	77377	(832) 347-0425

- Families can search for providers on the NECBS marketplace or using the **NECBS Service Provider Map**.
- Families may request a provider be added to the NECBS marketplace.
- **The NECBS team can assist families if:**
  - No approved providers are available locally.
  - Families need help identifying beneficial services.
  - Guidance is needed to connect with appropriate providers.

Overview of Purchasing Procedures



The NECBS marketplace is hosted by ClassWallet. All service providers must be approved and added to the marketplace, and all services must be purchased through the marketplace.

1. Families select an approved NECBS provider to begin services.
2. The provider delivers approved services to the student.
3. The provider submits a payment request through ClassWallet after services are provided.
4. The parent reviews the payment request and approves it if the information is correct.
5. The NECBS team reviews the request and processes payment to the provider within 2-10 business days if approved.

What can be purchased with NECBS funds?

ALLOWABLE services may include:

Family Support and Training

Services that help parents and caregivers support the student's needs at home and in the community.

Independent Living and Daily Living Skills

Services that help students build independence in daily routines, personal care, household tasks, and community participation.

Behavioral and Social Supports

Community-based services that help the family address behavior, social interaction, coping skills, and participation outside of the school setting.

Community Integration

Services that help students participate in community life, build social connections, and practice independence in real-world settings.

Transition and Adulthood Preparation

Services that help families prepare students for independence during transitions into adulthood, employment-related routines, or community participation.

Respite and Caregiver Supports

Services that help maintain stability in the home by providing caregivers with temporary relief, support, or coaching related to the student's needs.

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UNALLOWABLE services include:

Reimbursements	All purchases must be made through the NECBS Marketplace. Reimbursements of any kind will not be approved.
Physical Goods or Materials	Computers, TVs, gaming systems, gift cards, prepaid cards, home or classroom modifications, and remodeling.
Routine Medical Expenses	Routine doctor visits, dental care, medications, prescriptions, and medical equipment.
Services Already Covered	Services funded by insurance, Medicaid, or other local, state, or federal programs.
Services Outside the Home or Community	Supports provided outside the student's home or local community environment.
Convenience or Recreational Expenses	Childcare, food, groceries, gas, travel, hotels, entertainment, hobbies, and memberships.
IEP-Required Educational Services	Curriculum, instructional materials, school-based services, and other FAPE-related supports.
Conflicts of Interest	Payments to parents, family members, family-owned businesses, or others with a personal or financial relationship to the family.

Frequently asked questions

Can parents request additional funding?

Yes. If the student remains eligible, the account is in good standing, and funds are available, parents may request additional funding when the NECBS account balance reaches $1,000 or less.

Is there a timeframe to spend NECBS funds?

There is no set deadline to spend NECBS funds. However, students must remain eligible for NECBS to use awarded funds. If a student graduates, ages out, or otherwise becomes ineligible, any remaining funds are no longer available. Inactive accounts may also be reviewed, and unused funds may be subject to a spending deadline or returned to the program.

What is a NECBS Support Plan?

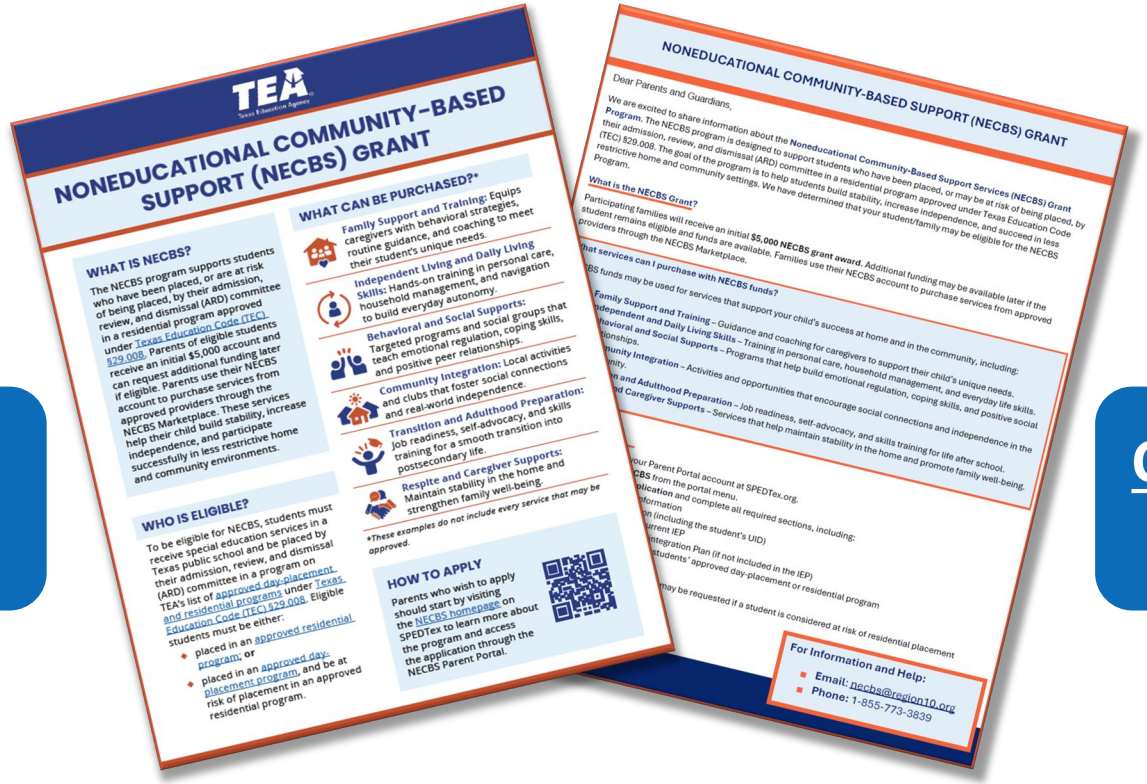
A NECBS Support Plan helps families identify needed services, providers, and estimated costs. While optional for an initial award, it is required for additional funding requests and may be needed in certain situations. It also helps NECBS identify and expand needed services and providers.

What are the responsibilities of the LEA?

TEC Sec. 29.013(d) A school district shall:

1) notify the parent of eligible students of the availability of grants under this section; and
2) designate a campus or district staff member to assist families of eligible students in accessing grants under this section.

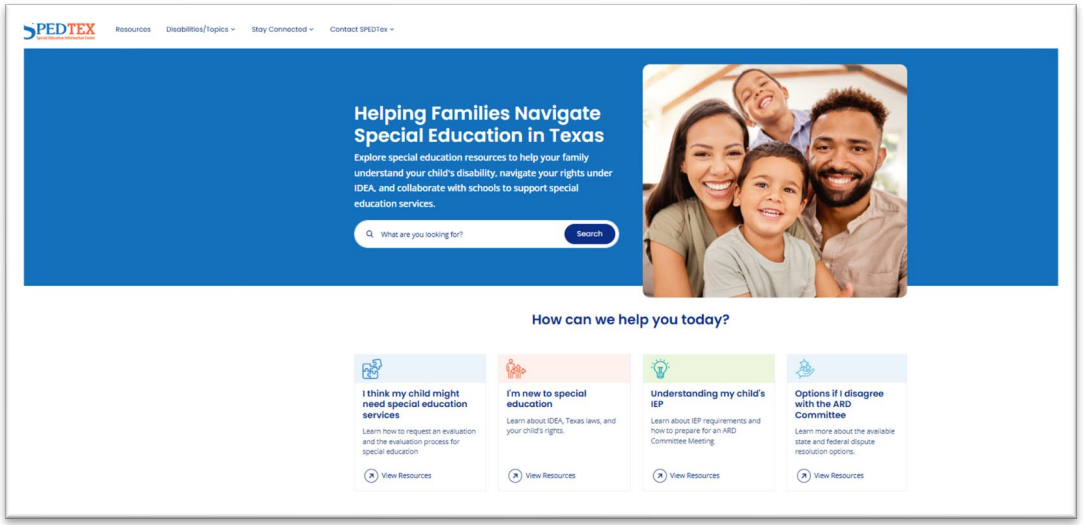
NECBS Program Overview Flyer



Customizable Letter for Districts

Additional Resources

SPEDTEX
Special Education Information Center



NECBS resources available on SPEDTex:

- Overview of program
- Application access
- Provider information
- Parent FAQs
- Outreach resources

Additional questions and support



Any questions?

Parents and educators can email the NECBS team at necbs@region10.org

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Thank you!