Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES)

2026–2027 Application Process for Parents

BEFORE the application window opens:

- Go to SPEDTEX.ORG/RESOURCES/PDSES and sign up to receive email updates about the PDSES program - including how and when to apply.
- Log in to or create your SPEDTex Parent Portal account. You must have a SPEDTex Parent Portal account in order to apply. If you do not already have one, click "Create new account."
- Review the Eligibility Criteria on the PDSES homepage.

DURING the application window:

- You can start the application process on the PDSES Homepage on SPEDTex or go directly to the SPEDTex Parent Portal to login and access the application.
- Once logged in to your SPEDTex Parent Portal account, click the "Go to PDSES Parent Portal" button. *Note: your SPEDTex Parent Portal account will also be your PDSES login.*
- Follow the steps online to submit your application(s).

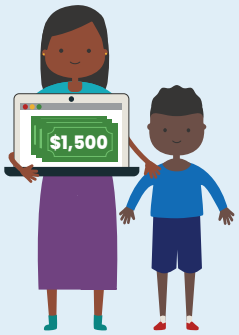


If your student **recently enrolled in a Texas public school** or had an **initial admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) meeting after October 1st** of the current school year, please be prepared to upload eligibility documentation when you apply.

AFTER the application window closes:

- Applications are processed in the order they were received and will not be reviewed until July following the application window.
- Parents will receive status updates by email and can also check their status on the PDSES Parent Portal.
- If you uploaded eligibility documentation during the application process, your status might change to "In Review" - the PDSES team will review and make a determination.
- Parents of eligible students will receive an "Eligible Student" email explaining next steps and what to expect if the application is "Waiting to be Funded."
- If students are found not eligible, parents can appeal until the last Friday in January, or reapply the following school year. Learn more about appealing a denial.

Note: The PDSES program awards accounts based on funding appropriated by the Texas Legislature. Parents with a submitted application can use the PDSES Application Projected Funding Timeline tool to estimate when they may receive their funded account.



Create a SPEDTex Parent Portal account.

The 2026–2027 school year application window opens:



Application opens on April 1st at 8am CST and closes on April 30th at 5pm CST.



Sign up for emails about the PDSES program, including when the application opens: PDSES email updates.

More Information & Help:

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PDSES on SPEDTex

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