

SSES+ Medically Fragile Purchasing Guidelines

As stated in the Texas Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) Parental Acknowledgment and Agreement, the funds in the SSES+ Medically Fragile account are to **purchase items and/or services that provide an educational benefit** as defined by the student's academic and IEP goals and are not to be used for other purposes.

Families are allowed to purchase ONE computer (laptop or desktop) AND ONE tablet (iPad) per eligible student. Any additional requests for either of these items will not be allowed.

The following items are **NOT allowed** under SSES+ Medically Fragile purchasing guidelines*:

- Food or drinks – including bottles of water
- Smart Speakers and Streaming Devices – including Alexa devices, Google Assistants, Rokus, and Firesticks
- Home security – including surveillance and doorbell cameras
- Clothing
- Home goods – including coffee makers, kitchen items, tools, and appliances
- General furniture – NOT including desks, chairs, or organizational items for direct learning

*Exceptions to the list of non-allowable purchase items may only be made if it is shown that the item provides an educational benefit to the student. All exceptions to the purchase of items on this list must be approved.

The SSES+ program has **thresholds and restrictions** on the following items**:

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| • Headphones - \$250 | • Desk Chairs - \$200 |
| • Printers - \$400 | • Speakers - \$100 |
| • Monitors - \$300 | • Microphones - \$100 |
| • Sports equipment - \$100 | • Cleaning/Sanitation Supplies – Restricted unless justification is provided |
| • Desks - \$300 | |

** Families MUST provide an educational or medical justification for exceeding the purchasing thresholds or restrictions and this must be approved by the SSES team.

The following items are some examples of approvable items:

- Adaptive seating and positioning equipment
- Assistive technology and communication devices
- Therapeutic supplies
- Equipment specific to disability or area of need
- Adaptive PE equipment for home use
- Lift systems
- Sensory equipment

All purchase requests must be approved by the SSES team. If you are purchasing an item that may be considered questionable, we strongly recommend you provide justification for your purchase request. This justification should describe the educational benefit this purchase will provide to your student. Providing a clear and detailed description that explains how this item will benefit your student's education goals will allow the SSES+ Medically Fragile approvals team to make order decisions as quickly as possible.

Please note: SSES+ Medically Fragile funds are not intended to replace goods and services provided through other programs, such as Medicaid/Medicare or insurance; nor are they intended to replace goods and services to be provided by the student's school district. The SSES+ Medically Fragile program reserves the right to reject any purchase request that risks the misuse of funds.