

PDSES* Purchasing Guidelines

As stated in the Parent Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) Parental Acknowledgment and Agreement, the funds in the PDSES Account are for the educational benefit of the eligible student(s) and are not to be used for other purposes. Items and services requested for purchase should be those that the student will directly use to access the educational curriculum. More specifically, items and services requested should serve a direct educational benefit.

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 PDSES purchasing guidelines:

- Cleaning supplies – including paper towels, dish soap, and mops/brooms/vacuums.
- Home goods – including coffee makers, kitchen items, tools, and appliances.
- Home security – including surveillance and doorbell cameras.
- Smart Speakers and Streaming Devices – including Alexa devices, Google Assistants, Rokus, and Firesticks.
- General furniture – NOT including desks, chairs, or organizational items for direct learning.
- Food or drinks – including bottles of water.
- Medical supplies – including first aid kits, thermometers, air purifiers, or hygiene items.

The following items have a price threshold – this list below does not include all possible thresholds:

- Headphones - \$250
- Printers - \$400
- Monitors - \$300
- Desks - \$300
- Desk Chairs - \$200
- Sports equipment - \$100
- Speakers - \$100
- Microphones - \$100

Additionally, items are subject to review based on the number of the same items requested. If it is determined to be an excessive quantity the order may be rejected.

If you are purchasing an item that may be considered questionable, or you wish to purchase an item that costs more than its threshold, you should provide a justification for your purchase request. This justification should highlight the direct educational benefit and the educational goal this product will help your child achieve.

**The PDSES program is the same as the SSES program, just with a new name to better reflect the importance of parents as decision makers in the educational process. "Any reference to Supplemental Special Education Services Program, supplemental special education services, supplemental special education services instructional materials, or SSES in state law and TEA materials is to be considered synonymous with the PDSES program." 19 TAC §102.1601(a).*

