



# Supplemental Special Education Services **SSES + vs. SSES**

## THERE ARE TWO SSES PROGRAMS:

### SSES +



### SSES



## WHO QUALIFIES?

STUDENTS IDENTIFIED AS  
MEDICALLY FRAGILE

STUDENTS SERVED THROUGH  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The SSES + Program is **NEW** in 2022.

- » Families of qualifying students will receive online accounts to purchase goods or services that help their student access public school and/or health related services at home or where care is provided.
- » SSES + accounts begin with a \$5,000 grant. Families are able to request additional funds for more expensive items through TEA.
- » There is currently enough funding for all students who are identified as medically fragile.

This is the same SSES Program that began in January 2021.

- » Families of qualifying students will receive online accounts to purchase educational goods or services and must benefit their student's education.
- » SSES accounts are one-time grants of \$1,500.
- » Not all students that qualify for the SSES program will receive accounts, TEA has limited funding and will award accounts in the order in which their application is received.

## TEXAS DEFINES MEDICALLY FRAGILE AS:

whether the student receiving special education and related services is **ALSO**:

- » in the age range of birth to 22 years, **AND**
- » has a serious, ongoing illness or a chronic condition that has lasted or is anticipated to last at least 12 or more months or has required at least one month of hospitalization, and that requires daily, ongoing medical treatments and monitoring by appropriately trained personnel which may include parents or other family members, **AND**
- » requires the routine use of medical device or of assistive technology to compensate for the loss of usefulness of a body function needed to participate in activities of daily living, **AND**
- » lives with ongoing threat to his or her continued well-being.



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