



# Supplemental Special Education Services - Medically Fragile

## SSES+ OVERVIEW

### APPLICATION:

SSES+ families will **apply using the same SSES application**. If families have previously applied, they will be notified separately. After families have applied, they will receive a separate email with SSES+ program details and timelines.

### FUNDING & ACCOUNTS:

Families with SSES + accounts will **begin with a \$5,000 online account** and can request additional funds through an online form. Families with current SSES accounts will receive an additional \$3,500 in their current ClassWallet account.

### PURCHASES:

- » Families will be able to purchase from all the current vendors currently on the ClassWallet Marketplace.
- » **Additional stores are being added strategically and will be available at the launch of the program** – this is based off of initial family feedback from the stores on the marketplace.
- » These accounts are separate from the other SSES programs and will have different purchasing requirements.
- » Families will have a more curated list with webinars on how to request these funds and ideas on what to purchase.
- » Items in cart would still be subject to approvals.

### OUTREACH:

#### Targeted Outreach:

- » TEA is partnering with stakeholder groups for targeted outreach.
- » Direct outreach with deliverables specifically for SSES+.
- » Two focus groups with families of students identified as medically fragile.

#### LEA Specific Outreach:

- » TEA will provide a list of eligible students to all LEAs.
- » TEA will provide outreach materials for LEAs to distribute to SSES+ families - including a sample letter and one-pager.

### SSES+ FACTS

Projected launch

**August  
2022**

Only

**2,644**

students identified as medically fragile in Texas.

Less than

**0.5%**

of the total number of students served through special education.

**\$20M**

in ESSER III funds dedicated to SSES+.



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# 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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