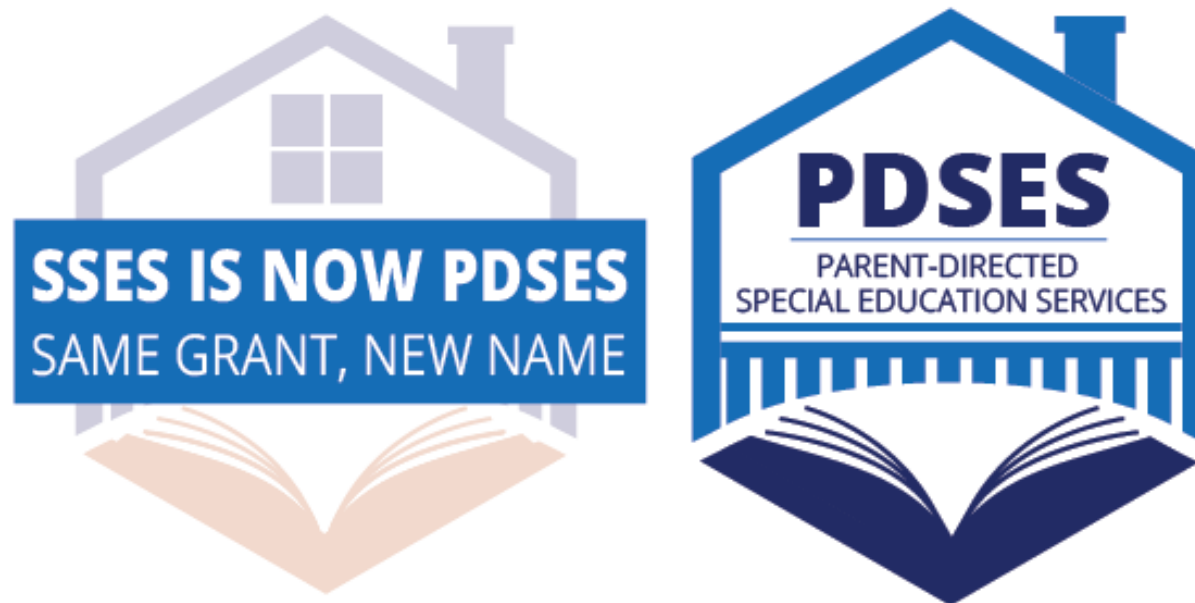




PDSES/SSES Updates

TEA and ESC Webinars June 2024

SSES is now PDSES



The Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) program is **now Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) program.**

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.

[PDSES.TEA.TEXAS.GOV](https://pdses.tea.texas.gov)

19 TAC §102.1601 – Highlighted Changes

Highlighted changes from 19 TAC §102.1601 – Effective May 28, 2024:

- (a) Change: Changed the name = Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES)
- (b) Change: “Supplemental” has been replaced with “Parent-Directed” throughout.
- (c) Added/Clarified: Students who receive services at an LEA through proportionate share are NOT eligible. Added language to clarify that students must be “served under an individualized education program (IEP) in a special education program”.
- (f)(3) New Section: “TEA will establish an annual application window.”
- (f)(6) New Section: TEA will no longer reprocess applications. Parents with ineligible students can either appeal (with correct documentation – no change to the ability to appeal) or must reapply during the next school year. *Note: All applications were reprocessed one final time in April 2024. Ineligible applications were notified of their options to appeal, or they must reapply next school year.*

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- (j) Added: School districts and open-enrollment charter schools shall notify families of the program and, **unless the school district or charter school has verified that a parent has already received or applied for a program grant,** shall provide the following at the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee meeting:
 - (1) instructions and resources on accessing the online accounts, **including the application window established by TEA;** and
 - (2) information about the types of goods and services that are available through the SSES grant.

ARD committees still have the responsibility to inform parents of the PDSES program.

- Families with current SSES applications – on our waitlist – will still be awarded accounts based on the order they applied. New accounts will be notified of the name change in their award emails.
- **Eligibility has not changed.** The same students who were eligible for the SSES program are eligible for the PDSES program. If students already received an SSES grant, they will not be eligible for a PDSES program grant.
- **TEA is working to update the name to PDSES and logo on all outreach materials for the start of the 2024-2025 school year.** “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).

- The SSES application is closed. **The application will open on February 3, 2025**, as the Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) application. The application will be open for 6-weeks.
- In the Fall of 2024, more guidance about how and when to apply will be presented to these groups and provided to LEAs and their families.

Interest Form: Fill out the interest form on the PDSES site to join the email list - TEA will send up to 5 emails with information on applying.

Join the Email List

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