



TEXAS
JUVENILE JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT

January 31, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this communication is to announce that the Supplemental Special Education Services (SSES) program is now known as the Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) program. This change better reflects the importance of parents as decision-makers in their child's educational process.

The PDSES program is a one-time \$1,500 online grant for parents/guardians of eligible students served by special education and who are enrolled in a Texas public school. Parents/guardians of eligible students can use the online accounts to shop the marketplace to obtain educational materials and resources such as textbooks, curriculum, or technology devices and/or services such as additional speech therapy, tutoring, or other specific services. These resources and/or services, if awarded, would be allocated for your eligible child's use once released to home from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

If you choose to apply at this time, the PDSES application window is open from 2/3/25 to close on 3/31/25. Please see the attached links for additional information.

[Parent-Directed Special Education Services \(PDSES\) Application Opens February 3, 2025 | Texas Education Agency](#)

<https://pdses.tea.texas.gov/>

If you have applied and want to follow up on the decision that you received, please contact PDSEShelp@region10.org or you can call SPEDTex at 1-855-773-3839.

Sincerely,

Shelley McKinley, EdD
Superintendent of Schools
Lone Star School District