

**RELEASE OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME THE ESA+
RECIPIENT ATTENDS A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL OR HOME SCHOOL AND RECEIVES ESA+
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

1. I, hereby attest, that I am the Parent of the student who has been awarded a scholarship consisting of State funds, from the Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program (the “ESA+ Program”). As a condition to the receipt of scholarship funds from the ESA+ Program (the “Scholarship”), I understand that the Scholarship may only be used in accordance with the rules governing the ESA+ Program (the “Rules”). Unless context clearly indicates otherwise, all capitalized terms herein shall have the corresponding meaning in the Rules.
2. I attest that I have enrolled, or will enroll, my student in an eligible nonpublic school or a Home School, and that my student **will not** be enrolled part-time in a public school.
3. I acknowledge my understanding that State law (G.S. §115C-595(a)(2)) requires that I release the LEA, in which my student is eligible to attend public school, of all obligations to educate my student during the time my student receives Scholarship funds.
4. **I, the Parent, on behalf of myself and my student, hereby release the LEA, in which my student is eligible to attend public school and to whom my student would be assigned if my student chose to attend a public school in that LEA, and the LEA’s board members, officers, directors, employees and agents, of all obligations to educate my student during the time my student is receiving Scholarship funds, with the exception of any obligations the LEA has to provide services to students in nonpublic schools under a Private School Service Plan (PSSP).**
5. By signing this Release of Local Education Agency (“Release”), I am acknowledging my understanding that my student does not have a right to receive all of the special education and related services that they would have otherwise received if enrolled in a North Carolina public LEA.
6. I attest that I have read and understand the provisions of this Release and that I agree to the terms herein knowingly and voluntarily.
7. This Release is effective upon the date the Parent signs the Release and remains in effect for the entire period during which my student is receiving the Scholarship and participating in the ESA+ Program.
8. Nothing in this Release should be construed to waive any rights or claims against the LEA prior to the date the student receives Scholarship funds or after the student is no longer receiving Scholarship funds.

Each year, parents of students who will receive ESA+ scholarship funding sign the LEA Release electronically in MyPortal.

If the student attends a Direct Payment School, the task to sign the LEA Release appears on the MyPortal To-Do list after the school has confirmed enrollment of the student (the school process known as Certification).

For students enrolled in Home School or ESA+ Reimbursement Schools, the LEA Release appears on the MyPortal To-Do list just before the first semester's funds are disbursed to the student's Wallet account.

Completing the LEA Release is required prior to the initial disbursement of funds.

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