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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who does the universal ESA expansion include?
A: The expansion will include all Arizona students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Q: Can I apply now?
A: Not yet. We are working on modifying the application to accommodate the new universal category for students which should be ready mid-August; watch our website at www.azed.gov/esa for updates. NOTE: The law has an anticipated effective date of September 24, 2022.

Q: Does my student still need to meet 45 days of public attendance to qualify?
A: No. Public school attendance is not required under the ESA expansion.

Q: Can I accept an ESA and keep my student in their public or charter school?
A: No. As part of the ESA contract, you agree to withdraw your student from the public school system, this includes both district and charter schools.

Q: How much money will my student receive?
A: The amount varies based on several factors, but approximately $6,500 for grades 1-12. Kindergarten students receive approximately $4,000. Students who have a current IEP/MET/504 are eligible to receive additional funding based on their IEP/MET category of eligibility.

Q: Can ESA funds be used for homeschooling?
A: While ESA funds can be used for home education, ESA students do not file homeschool affidavits and are not considered “homeschool” students by state law.

Q: Does the ESA program have income requirements?
A: No, there are no income requirements.

Q: Does the expansion affect current ESA program participants?
A: No, the expansion is simply another category of eligibility. The other categories will remain.