



H.B. 2853 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.***