



Parent-Directed Special Education Services (PDSES) 2025–2026 Application Process for Parents

BEFORE the application window opens:

- Go to [PDSES.TEA.TEXAS.GOV](https://pdses.tea.texas.gov) and sign up to receive email updates about the PDSES program - including how and when to apply.
- Create a My SPEDTex account on the [SPEDTex website](#). You will need to create an account in order to apply. Click on “Create Account/Sign in” to create an account.
- Check to make sure your child is eligible - visit the [PDSES Eligibility Page](#).

DURING the application window:

- You can start the application process on [PDSES.TEA.TEXAS.GOV](https://pdses.tea.texas.gov) or go directly to the [SPEDTex website](#) and login to your My SPEDTex account by clicking on “Create Account/Sign in”.
- Once logged in to your My SPEDTex account click on the “PDSES Parent Portal” button. Note: your My SPEDTex account will also be your PDSES login.
- Follow the steps online to submit your application(s).



If your student recently enrolled in a Texas public school or had an initial admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) meeting after October 1st of the current school year, please be prepared to upload eligibility documentation when you apply.

AFTER the application window closes:

- Applications are processed in the order they were received and will not be processed until July 2026.
- Parents will receive status updates by email and can also check their status on the PDSES Parent Portal. See all possible statuses and their details on our [PDSES Parent Portal FAQs - Status Table](#).
- If you uploaded eligibility documentation during the application process, your status might change to “In Review” - the PDSES team will review and make a determination.
- Parents of eligible students will receive an “Eligible Student” email with information about how to access their PDSES account and next steps.
- If students are found not eligible, parents can appeal until January 29, 2027, or reapply the following school year. Learn more about [appealing a denial](#).

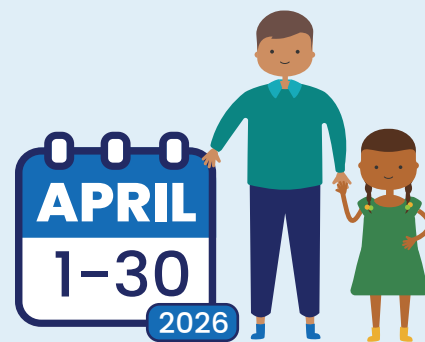


Note: The PDSES program has a certain amount of funds from the Texas Legislature to create accounts each school year. Funding for the 2025-2026 application will not be available until fall of 2026 and accounts are awarded based on [prioritization](#).



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The 2025–2026 school year application window opens:



Application opens on April 1st at 8am CST and closes on April 30th at 5pm CST.



Sign up for emails about the PDSES program, including when the application opens: [PDSES email updates](#).

More Information & Help:



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