

**NC Personal Education Student Accounts Program
2022-23 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
October 15, 2023**

The North Carolina Personal Education Student Accounts (ESA+) for Children with Disabilities Program, established by G.S. § 115C-590 *et. seq.*, provides scholarships for parents to pay educational expenses, including tuition and fees, for children with disabilities who attend school in an eligible nonpublic setting. The 2022-23 maximum annual scholarship for the higher award level was \$17,000 (\$8,500 maximum per semester per student). The 2022-23 maximum annual scholarship for the base award level was \$9,000 (\$4,500 maximum per semester per student). The data reported is as of June 30, 2023.

The two previous programs for children with disabilities (the Personal Education Savings Account Program and the Special Education Grants for Children with Disabilities Program) were consolidated into the ESA+ Program for the 2022-23 school year.

Total Student Awards: 3,377

Funding Disbursed to Direct Payment Schools:	\$23,337,990
Funding Disbursed to Parent Electronic Accounts:	\$15,491,589
Total ESA+ Funding Disbursed:	\$38,829,579

Note: In FY 2022-23, \$4,992,901 was returned to NCSEAA from Parent Electronic Accounts. In the ESA+ Program, students who receive the base scholarship amount are required to return unused funds to the Program from the Parent Electronic Account at the end of the fiscal year, unlike in previous years under the former Education Savings Account Program Rules. In 2022-23, funds accumulated from previous years under the former programs were returned, in addition to funds that were disbursed for the 2022-23 school year, causing a one-time increased amount of returned funds.

Total Number of Students Receiving Scholarship Funds by Age and Grade Level

Age as of 9/1/2022	Recipients
5	86
6	137
7	161
8	236
9	290
10	319
11	354
12	333
13	305
14	309
15	287
16	237
17	188
18	84
19	35
20	13
21	3
Total	3,377

Grade Level	Recipients
Kindergarten	123
First Grade	168
Second Grade	195
Third Grade	263
Fourth Grade	313
Fifth Grade	337
Sixth Grade	370
Seventh Grade	319
Eighth Grade	344
Ninth Grade	273
Tenth Grade	265
Eleventh Grade	217
Twelfth Grade	190
Total	3,377

Total Number of Students Receiving Scholarship Funds by Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

Gender	Recipients
Female	1,097
Male	2,280
Total	3,377

Race	Recipients	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	17	1%
Asian	98	3%
Black or African American	492	15%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	13	0.4%
Two or More Races	286	8%
White	2,281	68%
Chose not to answer	190	6%
Total	3,377	100%

Ethnicity	Recipients	Percentage
Hispanic	269	8%
Not Hispanic	2,794	83%
Chose not to answer or N/A	314	9%
Total	3,377	100%

Number of Students Previously Enrolled in Public Schools in the Prior Semester by LEA

The Local Education Agency school district that the student is eligible to attend is listed below, as reported by the parent applicant. A student need only be eligible to attend a North Carolina public school in order to be eligible for the Program. Prior public school attendance is not an eligibility requirement for the Program.

Local Education Agency	Recipients
Alamance-Burlington School System	11
Alexander County Schools	6
Alleghany County Schools	1
Asheville City Schools	2
Beaufort County Schools	6
Bertie County Schools	1
Bladen County Schools	2
Brunswick County Schools	5
Buncombe County Schools System	24
Burke County Public Schools	8
Cabarrus County Schools	25

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Local Education Agency	Recipients
Caldwell County Schools	2
Camden County Schools	1
Carteret County Public Schools	5
Catawba County Schools	10
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	13
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	164
Chatham County Schools	12
Clay County Schools	1
Cleveland County Schools	3
Columbus County Schools	1
Craven County Schools	6
Cumberland County Schools	73
Currituck County Schools	2
Davidson County Schools	17
Davie County Schools	15
Duplin County Schools	4
Durham Public Schools	40
Edenton-Chowan Schools	1
Edgecombe County Public Schools	3
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	1
Elkin City Schools	1
Franklin County Schools	2
Gaston County Schools	16
Granville County Schools	2
Guilford County Schools	112
Harnett County Schools	17
Haywood County Schools	3
Henderson County Public Schools	6
Hickory City Schools	3
Hoke County Schools	9
Hyde County Schools	2
Iredell-Statesville Schools	29
Johnston County Schools	45
Kannapolis City Schools	4
Lee County Schools	22
Lenoir County Schools	2
Lincoln County Schools	14
Madison County Schools	1
Martin County Schools	1
McDowell County Schools	1
Montgomery County Schools	1

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Local Education Agency	Recipients
Moore County Schools	20
Mooreville Graded School District	3
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	15
New Hanover County Schools	16
Newton-Conover City Schools	1
Onslow County Schools	22
Orange County Schools	7
Pender County Schools	12
Perquimans County Schools	1
Person County Schools	3
Pitt County Schools	10
Polk County Schools	1
Randolph County Schools	10
Richmond County Schools	1
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District	1
Robeson County Schools	3
Rockingham County Schools	4
Rowan-Salisbury School System	27
Rutherford County Schools	10
Sampson County Schools	9
Scotland County Schools	3
Stanly County Schools	3
Stokes County Schools	1
Surry County Schools	1
Thomasville City Schools	1
Transylvania County Schools	1
Union County Public Schools	51
Vance County Schools	3
Wake County Public School System	176
Warren County Schools	2
Wayne County Public Schools	9
Wilkes County Schools	7
Wilson County Schools	13
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	76
Yadkin County Schools	1
Renewals	2,095
Total	3,377

Nonpublic Schools and the Number of Scholarship Recipients Enrolled

Nonpublic School	Recipients
A Sea of Learning Morehead City	3
ABC of NC Child Develop. Ctr. Winston Salem	25
Academy at Soar Sylva	1
Alamance Christian School Graham	8
Albemarle School Elizabeth City	2
ALC Mosaic School Charlotte	1
Al-Iman School Raleigh	1
Annunciation Catholic School Havelock	2
Arborbrook Christian Academy Matthews	2
Asheboro Hybrid Academy Asheboro	4
Asheville Christian Academy Swannanoa	10
Back Creek Christian Academy Charlotte	13
Beacon Christian Academy Kitty Hawk	1
Bear Town Academy, LLC New Bern	1
Berean Baptist Academy Fayetteville	2
Bethany Christian School Brevard	1
Bethel Christian Academy Kinston	1
Bethesda Christian Academy Durham	1
Bishop McGuinness Catholic HS Kernersville	2
Black Mountain Montessori Black Mountain	3
Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Burlington	2
B'nai Shalom Day School Greensboro	1
Brighter Days Academy Inc. Roanoke Rapids	2
British International School of Charlotte Charlotte	2
Brittain Academy High Point	5
Brookside Christian Academy Dunn	29
C3 Concord Christian School Concord	3
Calvary Christian School King	8
Calvary Christian School Wilmington	1
Calvary Day School Winston-Salem	9
Camelot Academy Durham	8
Cape Fear Christian Academy Erwin	5
Cardinal Gibbons High School Raleigh	9
Carmel Christian School Matthews	19
Carolina Christian Academy Thomasville	3
Carolina Christian Academy Wilmington	1
Carolina Christian School Locust	2
Carolina Day School Durham	6
Carolina Friends School Durham	4

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Carr Preparatory Academy Raeford	2
Cary Christian School Cary	1
Cathedral Oak Academy Clemmons	1
Charlotte Catholic High School Charlotte	12
Charlotte Christian School Charlotte	1
Charlotte Jewish Day School Charlotte	2
Charlotte Latin School Charlotte	1
Charlotte Leadership Academy Charlotte	2
Chesterbrook Academy of Cary Cary	2
Chesterbrook Academy-North Raleigh Raleigh	3
Christ Classical Academy Connelly Springs	7
Christ Covenant School Winterville	1
Christ School Arden	1
Christ The Cornerstone Academy Laurinburg	2
Christ The King Catholic High School Huntersville	1
Christian Family Academy Conover	4
Christian Life Academy Raleigh	1
Coastal Christian High School Wilmington	1
Combine Academy Lincolnton	1
Commission Leadership Academy Youngsville	3
Community Baptist School Reidsville	1
Concord Academy Concord	2
Concordia Christian Day School Conover	5
Cornerstone Christian Academy Hickory	12
Cornerstone Christian Academy Statesville	35
Covenant Day School Matthews	2
Cramerton Christian Academy Cramerton	2
Cresset Christian Academy Durham	8
Crossroads Christian School Henderson	3
Crossway Academy Charlotte	27
Cumberland County Christian School Fayetteville	23
Cyzner Institute Charlotte	9
Daniel Academy Concord	2
Denver Christian Academy Denver	10
Destiny Now Academy Fayetteville	4
Dynamic Opportunities Rolesville	40
Elizabethtown Christian Academy Elizabethtown	3
Embassy Innovation Academy Farmville	1
Emerald School of Excellence Charlotte	1
Emerson Waldorf School Chapel Hill	3
Emmanuel Lutheran School Asheville	5
Epiphany School Of Charlotte Charlotte	8

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Episcopal Day School Southern Pines	5
Faith Christian Academy Goldsboro	2
Faith Christian Academy McLeansville	5
Faith Christian School Ramseur	3
Faith Christian School Rocky Mount	2
Faith Education Academy Dunn	2
Family Worship Ministries Christian Academy Troy	1
Father Capodanno School HS Vass	1
Fayetteville Academy Fayetteville	4
Fayetteville Christian School Fayetteville	5
Fellowship Baptist Academy Durham	1
Fellowship Christian Academy Carthage	2
Fellowship Christian Academy Jacksonville	2
First Impressions Academy Fayetteville	15
Flaming Sword Christian Academy Hope Mills	58
Fletcher Academy Raleigh	116
Forsyth Country Day School Lewisville	8
Franciscan Catholic School Raleigh	6
Freedom Christian Academy Fayetteville	8
Friendship Christian School Raleigh	24
Fusion Academy Raleigh	3
Garnett Christian Academy Elm City	2
Gaston Christian School Gastonia	1
Gethsemane Christian SDA Jr. Academy Raleigh	5
Gorman Christian Academy Durham	2
Grace Academy (Family Edu Resource Ministries) Matthews	2
Grace Christian School Raleigh	6
Grace Christian School Sanford	67
Grace Covenant Academy Cornelius	1
Grace Point Christian Academy High Point	2
Gramercy Christian School Newport	4
Great Accomplishments Academy Wilson	40
Greater Fayetteville Adventist Academy Fayetteville	3
Greater Vision Academy Gibsonville	11
Greensboro Montessori School Greensboro	1
Greenville Christian Academy Greenville	2
Greenville Learning Center Greenville	7
Greenville Montessori School Winterville	1
Harrells Christian Academy Harrells	7
Harvest Time Christian Academy Wilkesboro	6
Haw River Christian Academy Pittsboro	1
Haywood Christian Academy Waynesville	5

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Hayworth Christian School High Point	1
Heritage Leadership Academy Apex	7
Hickory Grove Christian School Charlotte	9
High Point Christian Academy High Point	8
High Point Friends School High Point	4
Highlander Academy Red Springs	2
Hill Learning Center Durham	49
Hill School Of Wilmington Wilmington	16
Hillsborough Christian Academy Hillsborough	2
Hilltop Christian School Fuquay-Varina	1
Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School Charlotte	26
Hope Academy Concord	2
Hope Academy Greensboro	7
Hope Christian Academy Mooresville	3
Hope Creek Academy Durham	36
Ignite Achievement Academy Charlotte	38
Immaculata Catholic School Durham	9
Immaculata Catholic School Hendersonville	2
Impact Journey School Greensboro	49
Insight Co-Learning Center Durham	2
Intellicor International Academy Charlotte	3
Jarvisburg Christian Academy Jarvisburg	5
Jordan Lake School of The Arts Apex	22
Kent Academy Charlotte	15
Kerr Vance Academy Henderson	4
Kid Stars Rising Christian Learning Academy Fayetteville	3
Lake Norman Christian School Huntersville	1
Lawrence Academy Merry Hill	2
Learn with the Best School Raleigh	26
Learning Community School Black Mountain	4
Lee Christian School Sanford	4
Legacy Christian Academy Roxboro	3
Level Up Academy Wilson	1
Liberty Christian Academy Richlands	21
Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy Mooresville	1
Life Spring Academy Clayton	23
Lionheart Academy of The Triad Greensboro	65
Long Shoals Wesleyan Academy Lincolnton	5
Lucy Daniels Center Cary	9
Marvin Academy Waxhaw	19
Metrolina Christian Academy Indian Trail	34
Milestones Academy Jacksonville	17

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Millers Creek Christian School Millers Creek	17
Millersville Christian Academy Taylorsville	7
Mintz Christian Academy Roseboro	13
Miracle Tabernacle Academy Spring Lake	1
Mitchener University Academy Selma	7
Montessori Children's School Jacksonville	1
Morganton Day School Morganton	4
Mount Pisgah Academy Candler	1
Mountain Sun Community School Brevard	1
Murphy's Hope Academy Charlotte	1
Nature School at Camp Albemarle Newport	1
Neuse Christian Academy Raleigh	12
New Bern Christian Academy New Bern	10
New Classical Academy Asheville	1
New Garden Friends School Greensboro	26
New Hope Christian Academy Thomasville	8
New Independence Academy Pikeville	20
New Life Christian Academy & Prep School Fayetteville	2
New Life Christian Academy Rocky Mount	1
New Life Uplifted School Clinton	1
New School Montessori Center Holly Springs	5
Noble Academy Greensboro	75
Norlina Christian School Norlina	1
North Hills Christian School Salisbury	32
North Raleigh Christian Academy Raleigh	7
North Shore Academy LLC Sneads Ferry	6
Northside Christian Academy Charlotte	1
Northwood Temple Academy Fayetteville	7
Oak City Academy Raleigh	2
Oak Level Baptist Academy Stokesdale	1
Oak Ridge Military Academy Oak Ridge	4
Oakwood School Greenville	3
Odyssey Community School Asheville	1
Omni Montessori School Charlotte	1
One World Montessori LLC Jacksonville	1
Onslow Christian Academy	2
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Greensboro	34
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Raleigh	1
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Winston-Salem	2
Our Lady of The Assumption Catholic School Charlotte	5
Our Lady Perpetual Help Cath School Rocky Mount	1
Pamlico Christian Academy Grantsboro	2

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Peace Rose Montessori Wilmington	3
Peletah Academic Center for Excellence New Bern	6
Philips Academy of North Carolina Charlotte	41
Phoenix Montessori Academy Huntersville	12
Piedmont School High Point	69
Pinewoods Montessori School Hillsborough	2
Positive Day School Burlington	2
Providence A Christian Montessori Community Burlington	2
Pungo Christian Academy Belhaven	8
R.C. Smith Christian Academy Charlotte	3
Rainbow Community School Asheville	2
Raleigh Christian Academy Raleigh	8
Raleigh SDA School Raleigh	8
Redeemer Preparatory Academy Statesville	7
Redeemer School Winston-Salem	4
Reflections Of Christ Christian Academy Hildebran	1
Resurrection Lutheran School Cary	1
Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy Asheville	13
Rising Stars Private School Cary	1
Riverside Christian Academy Fayetteville	6
Rockfish Christian Academy Raeford	4
Rockwell Christian School Rockwell	1
Rocky Mount Academy Rocky Mount	18
Rod Of God Christian Academy Charlotte	1
Saint Mary's School Raleigh	1
Salem Baptist Christian School Winston-Salem	50
Salisbury Academy Salisbury	5
Sandhills Classical Christian School	1
Scholars Academy for the Gifted and Artistically Elite Cary	4
Scotland Christian Academy Laurinburg	1
Shiloh Community School, LLC Mayodan	1
Shining Light Academy Greensboro	4
Shining Light Baptist Academy Monroe	3
Southeastern Autism Academy Wilmington	33
Southeastern Christian Academy Shallotte	2
Southlake Christian Academy Huntersville	1
Southpoint Academy Durham	1
Southside Christian School Clayton	7
Southview Christian School Statesville	4
Spruce Pine Montessori School Spruce Pine	1
St. Ann Catholic School Charlotte	14
St. Ann Catholic School Fayetteville	2

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
St. Catherine of Siena Cath School Wake Forest	1
St. Gabriel Catholic School Charlotte	2
St. Gerard House Hendersonville	12
St. John Paul II Catholic School Southern Pines	3
St. John's Lutheran Day School Winston-Salem	4
St. Leo Catholic School Winston-Salem	1
St. Mark Catholic School Huntersville	2
St. Mary Catholic School Goldsboro	2
St. Michael's Catholic School Gastonia	1
St. Patrick Catholic School Charlotte	2
St. Patrick Catholic School Fayetteville	10
St. Paul Catholic Education Center New Bern	6
St. Pius X Catholic School Greensboro	5
St. Raphael's Catholic School Raleigh	10
St. Stephen's Lutheran School Hickory	3
St. SYA Academy II Durham	1
St. Thomas More Academy Raleigh	1
Star Christian Academy Smithfield	6
Starboard Christian Academy Denver	3
Statesville Christian School Statesville	1
Summit School Winston-Salem	23
Tabernacle Christian School Hickory	8
Tabernacle Christian School Monroe	2
Terra Ceia Christian School Pantego	9
Thales Academy of Apex JH/HS Apex	1
Thales Academy of Apex K-5 Apex	1
Thales Academy of Knightdale Knightdale	1
Thales Academy of Pittsboro Pittsboro	1
Thales Academy of Raleigh Raleigh	1
Thales Academy of Waxhaw Waxhaw	1
The Burlington School Burlington	1
The Fletcher School Charlotte	96
The Halton School Huntersville	16
The John Crosland School Charlotte	37
The Learning Center Morganton	4
The Mariposa School for Children with Autism Cary	5
The Master's Academy Forest City	23
The O'Neal School Southern Pines	3
The Point Christian Academy Salemburg	3
The Raleigh School Raleigh	1
The School of Hope Fayetteville	45
The Trilogy School Raleigh	36

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Nonpublic School	Recipients
Thrive Day School Waxhaw	2
Tillery Christian Academy Norwood	8
Topsail Montessori Hampstead	1
Triangle Day School Durham	8
Tri-City Christian Academy High Point	4
Trimont Christian Academy Franklin	2
Trinity Academy of Raleigh Raleigh	2
Trinity Christian Preparatory School Charlotte	13
Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville, Inc. Fayetteville	1
Trinity Christian School Rutherfordton	10
Trinity Episcopal School Charlotte	2
Trinity School Durham	3
True ABAlities Learning Academy Cary	10
True Light Shines Academy Wake Forest	3
Tutor All School Elizabeth City	1
Union Christian Academy Monroe	4
Union Grove Christian School Lexington	2
United Faith Christian Academy Charlotte	8
Unity Christian Academy Chocowinity	3
University Christian High School Hickory	1
Veritas Christian Academy Fletcher	1
Victory Baptist Church School Henderson	2
Victory Christian Center School Charlotte	8
Victory Christian School Elizabeth City	5
Victory Christian School Sylva	1
Village Christian Academy Fayetteville	13
Village Christian Academy Harrisburg	13
Wake Christian Academy Raleigh	12
Wallace Christian Academy Wallace	1
Waterview Learning Academy, LLC Wilmington	5
Wayne Christian School Goldsboro	1
Wayne Montessori School Goldsboro	1
Weddington Christian Academy Weddington	7
Wescare Christian Academy Troy	6
Wesleyan Christian Academy High Point	64
Westchester Country Day School High Point	7
Westlawn Winston Salem	8
Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington	4
Wilson Christian Academy Wilson	1
Winston Salem Christian School Winston-Salem	10
Woodson Branch Nature School Marshall	5
Word of Faith Christian School Spindale	2

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Word of God Christian Academy Raleigh	2
Yadkin Path Montessori Salisbury	1
Out of District NC Public School	6
Home School	605
Total	3,427

Due to student transfers, students may be counted more than once above. The unduplicated count of 2022-23 student recipients is **3,377**.

Number of Substantiated Cases of Fraud

There are no substantiated cases of fraud by recipients and no parents or students have been removed from the program for noncompliance.