

NC Personal Education Student Accounts (ESA+) Program
2023-2024 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
October 15, 2024

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 for children with disabilities who attend school in an eligible nonpublic setting. The maximum annual scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year, for the base award level, was \$9,000 (\$4,500 maximum per semester per student). The maximum annual scholarship for the 2023-24 school year, for the higher award level, was \$17,000 (\$8,500 maximum per semester per student). The data reported is as of June 30, 2024.

Total Student Awards: 3,566

Total Amount of Scholarship Funding Awarded:

Funding Disbursed to Direct Payment Schools:	\$24,838,017
Funding Disbursed to Parent Electronic Accounts:	<u>\$17,403,638</u>
Total ESA+ Funding Disbursed:	\$42,241,655

Total Number of Students Receiving Scholarship Funds by Grade Level, Sex, Race, and Ethnicity

Grade Level	Recipients
Kindergarten	100
First Grade	160
Second Grade	202
Third Grade	243
Fourth Grade	324
Fifth Grade	361
Sixth Grade	387
Seventh Grade	411
Eighth Grade	319
Ninth Grade	339
Tenth Grade	257
Eleventh Grade	242
Twelfth Grade	221
Total	3,566

Sex	Recipients
Female	1,167
Male	2,399
Total	3,566

Race	Recipients	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	19	1%
Asian	106	3%
Black or African American	524	15%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	4	0.1%
Two or More Races	319	9%
White	2,451	68%
Chose not to answer	143	4%
Total	3,566	100%

Ethnicity	Recipients	Percentage
Hispanic	294	8%
Not Hispanic	3,102	87%
Chose not to answer or N/A	170	5%
Total	3,566	100%

LEA Information. 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	3
Alexander County Schools	2
Asheville City Schools	6
Beaufort County Schools	6
Bladen County Schools	2
Brunswick County Schools	4
Buncombe County Schools System	13
Burke County Public Schools	3
Cabarrus County Schools	19
Caldwell County Schools	2
Camden County Schools	1
Catawba County Schools	8
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	8
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	91
Chatham County Schools	7
Cleveland County Schools	3
Clinton City Schools	1
Craven County Schools	11
Cumberland County Schools	51
Currituck County Schools	2
Davidson County Schools	13
Davie County Schools	6
Duplin County Schools	1
Durham Public Schools	33
Edgecombe County Public Schools	3
Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools	2
Franklin County Schools	2
Gaston County Schools	6
Granville County Schools	3
Greene County Schools	1
Guilford County Schools	56
Harnett County Schools	21
Haywood County Schools	1
Henderson County Public Schools	5
Hickory City Schools	4
Hoke County Schools	5

Local Education Agency	Recipients
Hyde County Schools	1
Iredell-Statesville Schools	12
Johnston County Schools	12
Jones County Schools	1
Lee County Schools	8
Lenoir County Schools	2
Lincoln County Schools	5
Martin County Schools	1
McDowell County Schools	1
Montgomery County Schools	2
Moore County Schools	10
Mooresville Graded School District	3
Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	6
New Hanover County Schools	14
Newton-Conover City Schools	1
Onslow County Schools	15
Orange County Schools	8
Pamlico County Schools	2
Pender County Schools	3
Person County Schools	2
Pitt County Schools	9
Randolph County Schools	4
Richmond County Schools	1
Roanoke Rapids Graded School District	1
Robeson County Schools	3
Rockingham County Schools	4
Rowan-Salisbury School System	9
Rutherford County Schools	3
Sampson County Schools	4
Stokes County Schools	1
Surry County Schools	1
Transylvania County Schools	1
Union County Public Schools	28
Wake County Public School System	127
Warren County Schools	3
Watauga County Schools	2
Wayne County Public Schools	5
Wilkes County Schools	2
Wilson County Schools	7
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools	54

Local Education Agency	Recipients
Yadkin County Schools	1
Yancey County Schools	1
Renewal	2,781
Total	3,566

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	31
Academy at SOAR Waynesville	2
Academy of Coastal Carolina Supply	1
AHOP Christian Leadership Academy Chapel Hill	2
Alamance Christian School Graham	8
Albemarle School Elizabeth City	2
ALC Mosaic School Charlotte	1
Annunciation Catholic School Havelock	1
Arborbrook Christian Academy Matthews	2
Asheboro Hybrid Academy Asheboro	5
Asheville Academy for Girls Black Mountain	1
Asheville Catholic School Asheville	2
Asheville Christian Academy Swannanoa	12
Beacon Christian Academy Kitty Hawk	1
Bear Town Academy, LLC New Bern	2
Berean Baptist Academy Fayetteville	4
Bethel Christian Academy Kinston	1
Bishop McGuinness Catholic HS Kernersville	1
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	3
Brittain Academy High Point	5
Brookside Christian Academy Dunn	32
Burbrella Microschool Burlington	1
C3 Concord Christian School Concord	4
Calvary Christian Academy Charlotte	1
Calvary Christian School King	11
Calvary Christian School Wilmington	1
Calvary Day School Winston-Salem	11

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Calvary Education Center Lemon Springs	1
Camelot Academy Durham	10
Canterbury Classical School Asheville	3
Canterbury School Greensboro	2
Cape Fear Christian Academy Erwin	4
Captain Gilmer Christian School Fletcher	1
Cardinal Gibbons High School Raleigh	10
Carmel Christian School Matthews	18
Carolina Christian Academy Thomasville	4
Carolina Christian Academy Wilmington	1
Carolina Christian School Locust	1
Carolina Day School Durham	7
Carolina Friends School Durham	3
Carr Preparatory Academy Raeford	3
Cary Christian School Cary	1
Cathedral Oak Academy Clemmons	2
Charlotte Catholic High School Charlotte	23
Charlotte Christian School Charlotte	1
Charlotte Jewish Day School Charlotte	2
Charlotte Preparatory School	1
Chesterbrook Academy of Cary Cary	3
Chesterbrook Academy-North Raleigh Raleigh	3
Christ Classical Academy Connelly Springs	7
Christ Classical Academy of Charlotte	12
Christ Covenant School Winterville	1
Christ School Arden	1
Christ The Cornerstone Academy Laurinburg	1
Christ The King Catholic High School Huntersville	3
Christian Family Academy Conover	3
Coast to Mountains Preparatory Academy Apex	1
Coastal Christian High School Wilmington	1
Commission Leadership Academy Youngsville	5
Community Baptist School Reidsville	2
Community Christian School Wilson	1
Concord Academy Concord	1
Concordia Christian Day School Conover	2
Cornerstone Christian Academy Hickory	19
Cornerstone Christian Academy Statesville	36
Covenant Christian Academy Monroe	1
Covenant Day School Matthews	3

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Cramerton Christian Academy Cramerton	3
Cresset Christian Academy Durham	5
Crossroads Christian School Henderson	2
Crossway Academy Charlotte	27
Cumberland County Christian School Fayetteville	27
Cyzner Institute Charlotte	13
Daniel Academy Concord	1
Denver Christian Academy Denver	7
Destiny Now Academy Fayetteville	2
Dominion Christian Academy Raeford	1
Dynamic Opportunities Rolesville	32
Elizabethtown Christian Academy Elizabethtown	2
Emerson Waldorf School Chapel Hill	3
Emmanuel Lutheran School Asheville	4
Epiphany School of Charlotte Charlotte	10
Epiphany School of Global Studies New Bern	1
Episcopal Day School Southern Pines	5
Faith Christian Academy Burlington	5
Faith Christian Academy Goldsboro	3
Faith Christian School Ramseur	4
Faith Christian School Rocky Mount	2
Faith Education Academy Dunn	2
Family Worship Ministries Christian Academy Troy	1
Father Vincent Capodanno High School Vass	1
Fayetteville Academy Fayetteville	4
Fayetteville Christian School Fayetteville	7
Fellowship Baptist Academy Durham	1
Fellowship Christian Academy Carthage	2
Fellowship Christian Academy Jacksonville	1
First Impressions Academy Fayetteville	11
Flaming Sword Christian Academy Hope Mills	58
Fletcher Academy Raleigh	119
Fletcher School Charlotte	97
Forsyth Country Day School Lewisville	10
Franciscan Catholic School Raleigh	5
Freedom Christian Academy Fayetteville	9
French Broad River Academy Asheville	1
Friendship Christian School Raleigh	19
Fusion Academy And Learning Center Charlotte	1
Fusion Academy Raleigh	2

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Garnett Christian Academy Elm City	3
Gaston Christian School Gastonia	1
Gaston Day School Gastonia	1
Genesis Academy Burnsville	1
Georgetown Village Minded Academy Jacksonville	2
Gethsemane Christian SDA Jr. Academy Raleigh	2
Gorman Christian Academy Durham	1
Gospel Light Christian School Winston-Salem	1
Grace Academy Matthews	2
Grace Christian School Raleigh	6
Grace Christian School Sanford	69
Grace Montessori Academy, Inc. Elizabeth City	2
Grace Point Christian Academy Trinity	2
Gramercy Christian School Newport	4
Great Accomplishments Academy Wilson	31
Greater Destiny Prep Academy Grimesland	1
Greater Vision Academy Gibsonville	7
Greensboro Day School Greensboro	1
Greenville Christian Academy Greenville	3
Greenville Learning Center Greenville	7
Greenville Montessori School Winterville	2
Harrells Christian Academy Harrells	11
Harvest Time Christian Academy Wilkesboro	5
Haw River Christian Academy Pittsboro	3
Haywood Christian Academy Waynesville	4
Hayworth Christian School High Point	2
Headwaters Academy Statesville	1
Heritage Leadership Academy Apex	7
Hickory Grove Christian School Charlotte	10
High Point Christian Academy High Point	8
High Point Friends School High Point	2
Hill Learning Center Durham	55
Hill School Of Wilmington Wilmington	15
Hillsborough Christian Academy Hillsborough	6
Hilltop Christian School Fuquay-Varina	2
Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School Charlotte	22
Hope Academy Concord	2
Hope Academy Greensboro	5
Hope Christian Academy Mooresville	2
Hope Creek Academy Durham	42

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Ignite Achievement Academy Charlotte	29
Ignite Learning Academy Charlotte	1
ILIM School Pineville	1
Immaculata Catholic School Durham	7
Immaculata Catholic School Hendersonville	2
Immaculate Heart of Mary Cath School High Point	2
Impact Journey School Greensboro	53
Independent Compass Grandy	3
Infinite Minds Academy Biscoe	2
Insight Colearning Center Durham	8
Intellicor International Academy Charlotte	3
International Montessori School Durham	2
Iron Academy Raleigh	2
Jarvisburg Christian Academy Jarvisburg	5
John Paul II Catholic High School Greenville	2
Jordan Lake School of The Arts Apex	19
Kent Academy Charlotte	13
Kerr Vance Academy Henderson	3
Kid Stars Rising Christian Learning Academy Fayetteville	3
Lake Norman Christian School Huntersville	2
Lawrence Academy Merry Hill	1
Learn with the Best School Raleigh	26
Learning Community School Swannanoa	2
Lee Christian School Sanford	4
Lee Park Preparatory School Monroe	2
Legacy Christian Academy Roxboro	2
Level Up Academy Wilson	1
Liberty Christian Academy Richlands	15
Liberty Preparatory Christian Academy Mooresville	1
Life Spring Academy Clayton	20
Lionheart Academy of the Triad Greensboro	55
Living Water Christian School Jacksonville	2
Long Shoals Wesleyan Academy Lincolnton	3
Lucy Daniels Center Cary	4
Maracas Montessori Raleigh	1
Mariposa School Cary	5
Marvin Academy Waxhaw	17
Metrolina Christian Academy Indian Trail	42
Milestones Academy Jacksonville	19
Millers Creek Christian School Millers Creek	14

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Millersville Christian Academy Taylorsville	4
Mintz Christian Academy Roseboro	16
Miracle Tabernacle Academy Spring Lake	1
Montessori Children's School Jacksonville	2
Montessori School of Raleigh Raleigh	1
Morganton Day School Morganton	1
Mount Pisgah Academy Candler	1
Mount Zion Christian Academy Durham	1
Mountain Sun Community School Brevard	2
Murphy's Hope Academy Charlotte	1
Neuse Christian Academy Raleigh	9
New Bern Christian Academy New Bern	6
New Classical Academy Asheville	2
New Garden Friends School Greensboro	31
New Hope Christian Academy Thomasville	8
New Independence Academy Goldsboro	19
New Life Christian Acad & Prep School Fayetteville	5
New Life Christian Academy Rocky Mount	2
New Life Uplifted School Clinton	1
New School Montessori Center Holly Springs	5
Noble Academy Greensboro	79
Norlina Christian School Norlina	2
North Hills Christian School Salisbury	34
North Raleigh Christian Academy Raleigh	9
North Shore Academy LLC Sneads Ferry	6
NorthPoint Christian Academy Waxhaw	3
Northside Christian Academy Charlotte	3
Northwood Temple Academy Fayetteville	9
Oak City Academy Raleigh	7
Oak Level Baptist Academy Stokesdale	1
Oak Ridge Military Academy Oak Ridge	5
Oakwood School Greenville	2
Odyssey Community School Asheville	2
Omni Montessori School Charlotte	1
One World Montessori LLC Jacksonville	3
O'Neal School Southern Pines	1
Onslow Christian Academy	2
Opendoor School Winterville	3
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Greensboro	32
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Raleigh	2

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Winston-Salem	1
Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School Charlotte	3
Pamlico Christian Academy Grantsboro	3
Peace Rose Montessori Wilmington	1
Peletah Academic Center for Excellence New Bern	5
Philips Academy of North Carolina Charlotte	41
Phoenix Montessori Academy Huntersville	11
Piedmont School High Point	57
Pine Mountain Academy Hudson	1
Pinewoods Montessori School Hillsborough	3
Positive Day School Burlington	2
Providence A Christian Montessori Community Burlington	2
Pungo Christian Academy Belhaven	8
R.C. Smith Christian Academy Charlotte	2
Rainbow Community School Asheville	5
Raleigh Christian Academy Raleigh	7
Raleigh SDA School Raleigh	10
Redeemer Preparatory Academy Statesville	6
Redeemer School Winston-Salem	6
Reflections of Christ Christian Academy Hildebran	1
Renaissance Classical Chr Academy Fayetteville	2
Resurrection Lutheran School Cary	1
Reynolds Mountain Christian Academy Asheville	9
Rhema Christian Academy Goldsboro	1
Rising Stars Private School Cary	2
Riverside Christian Academy Fayetteville	10
Rockfish Christian Academy Raeford	3
Rockwell Christian School Rockwell	1
Rocky Mount Academy Rocky Mount	25
Roxboro Christian Academy Roxboro	2
Sacred Heart Catholic School Salisbury	1
Saint Mary's School Raleigh	2
Salem Baptist Christian School Winston-Salem	51
Salisbury Academy Salisbury	7
Sandhills Classical Christian School	1
Scholars Academy of Albemarle Albemarle	3
Scotland Christian Academy Laurinburg	1
Sheets Memorial Christian School Lexington	1
Shiloh Community School, LLC Mayodan	3
Shining Light Baptist Academy Monroe	2

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Southeastern Autism Academy Wilmington	33
Southeastern Christian Academy Shallotte	1
Southlake Christian Academy Huntersville	2
Southpoint Academy Durham	1
Southside Academy Rocky Mount	1
Southside Christian School Clayton	7
Southview Christian School Statesville	3
St. Ann Catholic School Charlotte	13
St. Ann Catholic School Fayetteville	3
St. Catherine of Siena Cath School Wake Forest	1
St. Gabriel Catholic School Charlotte	4
St. Gerard House Hendersonville	9
St. John Paul II Catholic School Southern Pines	5
St. John's Lutheran Day School Winston-Salem	3
St. Leo Catholic School Winston-Salem	4
St. Mark Catholic School Huntersville	2
St. Mark Catholic School Wilmington	1
St. Mary Catholic School Goldsboro	2
St. Mary Catholic School Wilmington	2
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School Apex	4
St. Matthew Catholic School Charlotte	3
St. Patrick Catholic School Charlotte	1
St. Patrick Catholic School Fayetteville	10
St. Paul Catholic Education Center New Bern	4
St. Pius X Catholic School Greensboro	4
St. Raphael's Catholic School Raleigh	10
St. Stephen's Lutheran School Hickory	1
St. Thomas More Academy Raleigh	2
St. Thomas More Catholic School Chapel Hill	1
St. Timothy's School Raleigh	1
Star Christian Academy Smithfield	4
Starboard Christian Academy Denver	4
Summit School Winston-Salem	26
Swift Creek Christian Academy Vanceboro	2
Tabernacle Christian School Hickory	15
Tabernacle Christian School Monroe	2
Temple Beth Or Preschool and K	1
Temple Christian Academy New Bern	1
Terra Ceia Christian School Pantego	9
Thales Academy of Apex JH/HS Apex	2

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Thales Academy of Apex K-5 Apex	1
Thales Academy of Cary Cary	1
Thales Academy of Holly Springs Holly Springs	1
Thales Academy of Pittsboro Pittsboro	1
Thales Academy of Waxhaw Waxhaw	1
The Burlington School Burlington	1
The Halton School Huntersville	19
The John Crosland School Charlotte	42
The Learning Center Morganton	4
The Master's Academy Forest City	15
The Point Christian Academy Salemburg	3
The Raleigh School Raleigh	1
The School of Hope Fayetteville	40
Third Street Academy Greenville	1
Thrive Day School Waxhaw	2
Tillery Christian Academy Norwood	3
Topsail Montessori Hampstead	1
Triangle Day School Durham	8
Tri-City Christian Academy High Point	3
Trilogy School Raleigh	32
Trimont Christian Academy Franklin	2
Trinity Academy of Raleigh Raleigh	1
Trinity Christian Preparatory School Charlotte	9
Trinity Christian School of Fayetteville, Inc. Fayetteville	3
Trinity Christian School Rutherfordton	8
Trinity Episcopal School Charlotte	2
Trinity of Fairview Academy Fletcher	1
Trinity School Durham	3
True ABAlities Learning Academy Cary	12
True Light Shines Academy Wake Forest	3
Union Grove Christian School Lexington	7
United Faith Christian Academy Charlotte	6
Unity Christian Academy Chocowinity	3
University Christian High School Hickory	1
UR Academy Gastonia	1
Victory Baptist Church School Henderson	1
Victory Christian Center School Charlotte	7
Victory Christian School Elizabeth City	2
Village Christian Academy Fayetteville	10
Village Christian Academy Harrisburg	11

Nonpublic School	Recipients
Wake Christian Academy Raleigh	11
Wallace Christian Academy Wallace	1
Waterview Learning Academy, LLC Wilmington	5
Wayne Christian School Goldsboro	2
Wayne Montessori School Goldsboro	2
Weddington Christian Academy Weddington	6
Wescare Christian Academy Troy	3
Wesleyan Christian Academy High Point	67
Westchester Country Day School High Point	6
Westlawn Winston Salem	7
Wild Oak Independent School Hendersonville	1
Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington	7
Wilson Christian Academy Wilson	1
Winston-Salem Christian School Winston-Salem	7
Woodson Branch Nature School Marshall	4
Word of Faith Christian School Spindale	2
Word of God Christian Academy Raleigh	4
Yadkin Path Montessori Salisbury	1
Out Of District Nc Public School	1
Home School	748
Total*	3,614

* Due to student transfers, students are counted more than once above. The unduplicated count of 2023-24 student recipients is **3,566**.

Number of Substantiated Cases of Fraud

During the 2023-24 school year, there were no substantiated cases of fraud, and no parents or students were removed from the program for noncompliance.