

EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

May 2018 Newsletter

Dates to Remember:

**Q4 Expense
Report due:**

June 20, 2018

**Renewal
Contracts due:
June 15, 2018
(for guaranteed
Q1 funding)**

**Q1 funding:
July 15 & 30th**

**2018-2019 New
contracts due by:
July 14th to
guarantee Q1
funding.**

**Q4 2017-2018
contracts due:
May 31 (no
funding).**

If extracurricular are going to be paid for with ESA funds, they should be through a public school. This does not mean that the student should be formally enrolled in public school; rather it means that if the school allows ESA students to participate in any extracurricular activities, those activities should be paid for with ESA funds. An example would include participation on sports teams.

For tutoring or teaching services, we realize that some courses previously identified as extracurricular should remain available to families as they are part of a traditional public school education. The following list includes subjects that would be available to ESA participants as long as proper credentials for the facility or instructor are provided (an accredited facility OR instructor's bachelor degree or higher or teaching certificate).

- Music Class (group or individual) and Instrument Rentals
- Foreign Language Class
- Physical Education (P.E.) inclusive of dance classes, gymnastics, group fitness. ***Gym Memberships will NOT be allowed as they cover more than a class.**
- Art Class (consumable items cannot be purchased separately from the class)
- Computer Science Class
- JTED equivalent courses in technical or career related topics
- Health Class
- Driver's Education Class

For students with disabilities there is a category in the statute (A.R.S. 2402 (4)©(iii)) for vocational and life skills education which can in some cases be beneficial for students. Credentials are still required for the course that would be counted as vocational or life skills and should be reviewed by ESA before utilizing ESA funds. An example would include a water safety course.

If you would like to review the ESA Statute (A.R.S. 15-2401 to 15-2404) it can be found here: <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=15> (note: Version 2 refers to SB 1431 which is not active at this time).



Email from the Director

Please check your email for notifications on changes for the 2018-2019 school year parent handbook. We encourage all applicants and schools to read the parent handbook annually to understand what is allowable under the ESA program. There will also be a calendar provided to assist with remembering important dates for the program,.

ONLINE EXPENSE REPORT SUBMISSION:

We highly recommend that submissions of expense reports for Quarter 4 be done online. If they are mailed in, emailed or dropped off they will be processed as soon as possible but we cannot guarantee processing by June 20th.

Any spending between June 20-30th, 2018 needs to be reported in Quarter 4 expense report. We will contact you if there is spending between these dates and we will require you to resubmit your expense report at that time.



Handbooks: The new handbook with the new changes will be available with renewal and new 2018-2019 contracts.

Appeals process for Terminations are now being handled by the Arizona Attorney General's office. Please send in any request to ESA Department.

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