



**TEXAS EDUCATION
FREEDOM ACCOUNTS**

Freedom to learn your way.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES & TEFA FUNDING



**WHAT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING?**

**WHEN APPLYING FOR THE TEXAS EDUCATION
ACCOUNT (TEFA) PROGRAM, ONE OF THE
QUESTIONS YOU'LL SEE ASKS WHETHER YOUR
CHILD QUALIFIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
SERVICES IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

**ANSWERING "YES"
(WHEN ACCURATE AND
DOCUMENTED) CAN
MAKE YOUR CHILD
ELIGIBLE FOR:**

- Additional funding and
- Priority placement in the TEFA lottery

**THIS
QUESTION IS
VERY
IMPORTANT**

YES/NO

**IF YOU ANSWER "NO", YOUR CHILD CANNOT RECEIVE
THIS EXTRA FUNDING OR PRIORITIZATION, EVEN IF
THEY HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS.**

YES?

ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WILL VERIFY ELIGIBILITY:

- A TEFA Disability Certification Form approved by the Texas Comptroller found under (<https://educationfreedom.texas.gov/>)
- A Full and Individual Initial Evaluation (FIIE) from a public school ISD
- A current Texas IEP (Individualized Education Program)
- An out-of-state IEP

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

- ✓ My child has one of the 13 qualifying diagnoses
- ✓ I have an approved certification, FIIE or IEP
- ✓ My child has an IEP from 2023-24 or later
- ✓ I contacted my ISD to upload the IEP to APEX
- ✓ I selected "Yes" to the special education question on the TEFA application

MORE INFO

GENERAL INFORMATION:

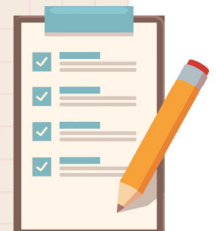
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DETAILS ON QUALIFYING DISABILITIES:

<https://supportwithdosesy.com/he/en-us/artClas/4319/79551963>. What Disabilities Qualify==Child-the-Eligibility In a School-Distnet a Special Education Program

13 DIAGNOSES FOR QUALIFICATION

- Autism
- Deaf-Blindness
- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Emotional Disability
- Intellectual Disability
- Multiple Disabilities
- Orthopedic Impairment
- Other Health Impairment
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech Impairment
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Visual Impairment
- Development Delay



ANSWER ACCURATELY. PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION. DON'T MISS OUT ON FUNDING YOUR CHILD MAY QUALIFY FOR.

