

I am most excited about this conforming change from House Bill 2853 due to:

- 1 My child already being [REDACTED] and not have to be subject to more [REDACTED] just because [REDACTED] switching to [REDACTED]
- 2 homeschoolers
- 3 Consumables
- 4 Giving kids the ability to learn basic computer skills such as web searching, typing, calendar, calculator. As well as advanced skills such as coding and video editing.
- 5 my [REDACTED] uses transportation daily for school
- 6 Technology has slowed down our ability to do home education as easily as we would like.

- 7 Technology is such a vital and integral role in our learning environments. This allows us to have much better access to quality equipment we otherwise could not afford.
- 8 My local school district not being willing to reevaluate my child.
- 9 Students need access to electronics in order to be successful
- 10 Wanting to make sure my children have the tools they need to succeed.
- 11 Being able to secure computers and computer
- 12 Being a homeschooling family with children that couldn't complete hours in public school
- 13 N/A
- 14 Giving all students access to technology that they might not otherwise be able to provide, equal resources for all students
- 15 The ability to have additional resources while homeschooling
- 16 Being recognized as a home education family and the resources that are now available to us!
- 17 The needs of my students to work on computers.
- 18 my kids school charging for transportation, takes alot of my out of pocket expenses, versus public school where transportation is included.
- 19 Access and abilities it enhances
- 20 The expense of technological devices
- 21 Hopefully quicker approvals for vender payments.
- 22 helping my [REDACTED] child get better education
- 23 More flexibility is always a good thing
- 24 My children are extremely interested in tech and computers, this will help us continue teaching them to code etc.
- 25 Having the opportunity to have a computer strictly for Homeschooling.
- 26 Being able to purchase the tools needed for my [REDACTED] to educate [REDACTED] and prepare [REDACTED] for a more independent future
- 27 private school vouchers for special needs
- 28 Saving us out of pocket expenses
- 29 The need for technology opportunities for families who can otherwise not afford it.
- 30 Wanting to use a device for some educational purposes
- 31 Including uniform expenses as well as text book expenses
- 32 having people with disabilities attend private schools.
- 33 Needing computer equipment that will allow my child to better take online courses.
- 34 The need for my student to have a tablet to complete [REDACTED]
- 35 The benefit it will be for my kids

- 36 So much technology is used in our world today and many educational material are found online. This change allows us to better utilize what is available and prepare our children for the future.
- 37 Very costly items and extremely needed for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] apps
- 38 Allowing universal access to the program as a [REDACTED] member this is crucial
- 39 Financial help for online school tech
- 40 We need new laptops for the kids to be able to complete their online schooling better.
- 41 ability to provide my kids with a more similar to classroom environment tech wise
- 42 Inclusion of computer hardware

- 43 Having an account advocate if needed at no charge
- 44 Gas prices and my [REDACTED] will be able to attend full time
- 45 Technology is key to education.
- 46 educational opportunities it provides
- There is more than one thing. But qualifications being lessened will be helpful for many families. We had to get my [REDACTED] qualified by putting [REDACTED] back into public school for the 120 days I think. That was the hardest thing for [REDACTED]. Kids with [REDACTED] have enough they have to struggle with. Also happy about the technology allowance. You can't survive in this world with that
- 47 support,
- 48 Keep it simple
- 49 My [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] being exceptionally [REDACTED] and with [REDACTED], etc. Schools have a difficult time identifying [REDACTED] in the short [REDACTED] time given.
- 50 If my child is truly struggling and in need then allowing the previous attendance to stand is HUGE!
- 51 Broader educational items available to students through online classes
- 52 Everything
- 53 Makes sense
- 54 We home school and this means we can participate in the ESA without first attending public school!
- 55 Because my [REDACTED] needed a computer and I couldn't afford to buy one. We have to go to the library or
- 56 In this day and age you need children that understand computers and are familiar with them.
- 57 Need
- 58 I don't believe previous attendance in public school should be a requirement. Parents typically know what environment their child will best thrive in.
- 59 I do not want to argue with the public school my child has never been to just to get an [REDACTED]
- 60 Having [REDACTED] children who share one computer for home based education. We can now afford for them to have their own device.
- 61 My [REDACTED]
- 62 More families getting financial support for teaching their children in a way that best meets their needs
- 63 My [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED] doing online school and needs a computer to complete [REDACTED] work.
- 64 Having [REDACTED] children who only have independent 3rd party [REDACTED]. Now they can get the funds they need without the local school districts bias.
- 65 It is important for students to be able to have computer access
- Allowing technology to be included in the qualifying materials is the difference for our family (and many we know) to make copies with a scanner or even have a computer for the children to
- 66 learn typing skills on.
- 67 greater ability to ensure holders participation in program
- 68 Children need to learn to use technology in today's world to be competitive. This is essential for their education and a wonderful opportunity for them.
- 69 I like HB 2853 as it was passed. No changes needed.
- 70 This equipment is often necessary in special education.
- 71 Child goes to Catholic school
- If my child can use ESA for transportation services they will be able to access a private school that will provide an appropriate educational program that addresses their needs. However, the statute wording "public transportation" sounds restrictive. Children are not riding city buses or the light rail. Is uber allowed? The definition will be crucial to this being logistically possible for
- 72 recipients to utilize.
- 73 It truly helps my children in a big way.
- 74 Is helping more to my [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] needs!
- 75 [REDACTED] student at home who learns online primarily
- 76 It will assist with the electronic aspect costs of education.
- 77 The fact we live in a technological world
- 78 Having a child who went to public school and now goes to a private religious school.
- 79 Any cost saving helps.
- 80 Including technology because it is a needed resource. Also excited about including consumables, which is a big expense.
- 81 Increasing need for technology in educating students
- 82 The need for technology in today's educational world.

83 My kids do not have computers that they can use for online courses and experience with technology

84 A need to instruct children using up to date materials and technology including online programs, and computer programs and to allow access to various resources for parents and students.

85 All children need technology access!

I am most excited for the inclusion of educational computer hardware and technological devices because most of the curriculum is online, therefore a device is necessary, plus the use of ebooks and audio books requires it.

87 My children having the ability to have their own devices for schoolwork.

88 The fact that we have a large family and it is extremely cost prohibitive to get enough computers to ensure that my children can all access the online programs we use for their education.

It will greatly help my child with their online classes and [REDACTED] Plus, the addition of printers will allow me to purchase and print curriculum that I wasn't able to before due to lack of ability to print.

90 Letting all kids have access to update computers so they can learn at the of their activities. Access to online classes that they would otherwise not be able to attend.

91 [REDACTED]

Child's homeschool curriculum is digital program and using dated computer. This will enhance school experience in addition to having computer that enables digital/art creativity. Also excited for opportunity to purchasing microscope for science.

93 My [REDACTED] student could really benefit from having [REDACTED] own personal computer

94 Transportation

95 Gas prices

96 Having [REDACTED] kids to transport to school gets very expensive.

97 Kids need technology to learn! Public and charter schools use smart boards, chromebooks, etc, ESA students should have the same access.

98 Portability of funds for the school of our choice.

99 My rural location

100 I believe charter schools should be included in this and not considered a public school

101 Being able to afford new tech

102 Computers are important tools for students to use and learn.

103 Ability to support Private School funding

104 Opening enrollment

105 NA

106 My [REDACTED] has been diagnosed with [REDACTED], but because [REDACTED] is homeschooled our local school district refuses to amend [REDACTED]

107 We can utilize the program. Otherwise we wouldn't be able to.

108 It makes it more inclusive to technology which is the future for our children

Having a [REDACTED] child that greatly struggles with [REDACTED] access to quality computers and other technology is very important. We are a family if [REDACTED] sharing 1 outdated laptop. Im excited at the new possibilities with access to items like printers and fully capable computers. Thank you!!

110 The ongoing need of technology as we teach our students

111 I have a [REDACTED].

112 Appeal hearings can be intimidating and beyond the comfort level of some, so having an advocate may be necessary.

113 Including universal students and technological devices for education

Buying educational computing hardware is a prerequisite to many online and dvd-based curricula. We HAVE to have it, so it would be wonderful to use education money for required educational equipment.

115 Assistant with educational services further distances away

116 Nothing

My [REDACTED] children need a computer so they can participate in online classes, coding, typing, and etc. We don't have the funds as a family to afford a computer for them otherwise. This would be a wonderful addition to the house bill since all children should have access to a computer for education purposes.

118 All students should be able purchase computers and technology, so this is a good change.

119 The change it will do for my child's education

- 120 The revelation that technology is a big part of today's education system and should be allowed just as public schools provide tablets and laptops to its students.
- 121 ability for applicants to get Q1 funding due to deadlines
- 122 Most modern education involves technology, which can be a big financial burden/obstacle. The internet and computer programs open up a wide variety of opportunities.
- 123 Because computers & technology equipment are necessary for educational purposes in all subjects
- 124 Computers are an important part of education. It makes sense that they should be included.
- 125 It will be helpful for my child's education.
- 126 helping the education process through technology
- 127 necessity of our students to have access to the same materials as provided in public schools
- 128 Opens up more options for school
- 129 Expense of computer hardware for current education
- 130 Many students are in need of technology to support learning.
- 131 Making sure all [REDACTED] are switchers. Or just do away with switcher and double the original
- 132 For being more inclusive
- 133 clarification
- 134 not excited about the new changes
- 135 Helping students pay for computers to be used for online classes.
- 136 Na
- 137 Greater access for all Arizona homeschool families
- 138 Being able to have my kids enrolled in more online classes since we have more computers.
- 139 Not having funds to purchase hardware for my student.
- 140 my own child's needs
Failure from assigned public school to accommodate my child with [REDACTED] with an updated [REDACTED] despite [REDACTED]. Now I feel stuck that I must continue only homeschooling my child if I expect [REDACTED]
- 141 to get [REDACTED]
- 142 The need for technology for online programs
- 143 Technology is necessary in this climate.
I have [REDACTED] child whose [REDACTED] allowed for a tablet and computer but our other [REDACTED] who needs it for education but not [REDACTED] did not. This will be more in line with what is available for all students
- 144 who attend a school.
- 145 Homeschooling my [REDACTED] children. Technology is key.
- 146 Educational computer hardware is a necessity these days for school and it's a very expensive out of pocket expense for families. Though I am still not sure how we are approved for the purchase.
Inclusion of tech is going to open many educational opportunities for a child using this program. Without this inclusion some children wouldn't be able to access the different types of online
- 147 education without this.
- 148 Expansion of qualified students
- 149 Having a cold in [REDACTED]
- 150 I can now replace broken devices.
- 151 It is long overdue, and many schools will not update [REDACTED] as needed.
- 152 Not having to put my kids in public school
- 153 Being able to purchase a personal school computer for my student
- 154 Now that my child has moved from a public charter school to a private school, we are able to receive benefits.
The fact that education and the world is ever evolving and technology is an integral part of that change. My children's education utilizes technology and knowing how to use technology is a
- 155 necessary skill all individuals need to be successful in the world today.
- 156 It provides greater opportunity for my [REDACTED] to participate in online courses and learning apps. It will also provide [REDACTED] opportunity to learn and practice coding.
- 157 INFLATION MAKES PURCHASING SCHOOL SUPPLIES EVEN HARDER
- 158 STEM course requirements for technology
- 159 Have [REDACTED] children planning on doing many online classes and electronic devices will be needed

160 We school at home and when you combine inflation with our giving up an income to school our children - technology is difficult to afford.

The expansion of the ESA has not been equitable. The program is hard to navigate and near impossible for ESL speakers or those not privy to knowing how and when to apply. Transportation has always been an access issue so at least including that attempts to make it a more even playing field.

162 My children need to use such devices for particular subjects in their curriculum.

163 never wanting my kids to go to public school

164 Lots of curriculum requires a computer, having the funds to provide that is so helpful.

I am most excited about this change due to the fact that this will give [REDACTED] the chance to get a computer otherwise I would not be able to afford it. This will open up a whole new world in [REDACTED] studies. Thank you!

166 Having a computer at home for educational purposes is very important, but very expensive. This will help a lot to improve education quality for Arizona students.

167 Providing necessary equipment for our child's education

168 See comment below

169 Lack of consistency with expectations of online education v. In person education

170 my children being able to take part without ever having to enroll in a public school.

171 My child in private school can now receive funds.

172 Prior to this change my children would not have been eligible for ESA.

173 Lose track of the deadlines from time to time.

174 Parent of [REDACTED] student. Grandparent of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] student

175 Slightly Confused by wording

176 Allowing funds to be available to homeschool or private school children

177 Updated online hours

178 flexibility in the ever changing technology

179 Having the opportunity to put funds towards technology will help greatly with our homeschooling experience!

180 our inability and extreme difficulty getting child to and from school and that I am not able to have a job because I have to drive

181 Electronic

182 The assistance for technology support will help students who have tech requirements in schools.

183 Unable to afford a school computer for my child

184 My children are now eligible

185 The technology will help with science and a computer

186 Computers are a big expense. This will help families who cant afford it.

187 Being able to assist my child's technology needs.

188 Homeschooling requires technology and ours is held together by duct tape

189 Allowing for a Printer and Tablet - this will be a game changer for my kids education!

190 N/A

191 My children qualify.

192 The ability for everyone to have more opportunity for school choice.

193 Every child should have access to quality education using technology.

Since sometime before the pandemic more and more services were already moving towards a virtual line. The pandemic really advanced this movement to a furious pace. Fast forward to today, and some of the best educational providers are now available to an entire planet, provided one has in home access to the required equipment.

194 My [REDACTED] life revolves around technology. I am excited about transportation too.

As the language of the ESA acceptance contract stipulates that an ESA recipient is no longer a homeschooled student, ESA recipients should have access to free technology including computers, cameras, microscopes, etc. which are issued and/or available for the free use at public schools.

My [REDACTED] is homeschooled and a lot of [REDACTED] coursework is online which means [REDACTED] needs a computer to complete it. If we can get [REDACTED], [REDACTED] own computer to do coursework on it would make it much easier to accomplish and flow better as the device [REDACTED] is using right now is not conducive to a strong learning environment and ends up causing lots of delays in [REDACTED] learning.

198 I would not want to subject my children to the terrible public schools.

- 199 Helps with necessary expenses
- 200 The need for an updated device for my child to complete assignments and research information
- 201 lack of clarity in some
- 202 Update Esa qualification for friends of mine and inclusion of computer hardware
- 203 It will allow us to use online programs for our children.
- 204 Inclusion of educational computer hardware and technological devices
- 205 N/A
- 206 I can choose where my child goes to school.
My [REDACTED] child has great difficulty [REDACTED] and needs [REDACTED] technology. [REDACTED] also learns better from an electronic forum versus an in-person forum, so [REDACTED] would benefit from a computer for
- 207 schoolwork.
- 208 Being able to use funds to purchase these items for school projects and research
- 209 The expense of educational devices.
- 210 Students need access to computers and not all families have them
- 211 student access to required technology for learning
- 212 Need for updated technology
- 213 [REDACTED] child whonis [REDACTED] on technology for teachers and tutoring
- 214 my child has not attended public school due to [REDACTED] and we needed [REDACTED] to start in a different educational environment that allowed [REDACTED] to learn and thrive
- 215 The ability to utilize funds for technology devices.
- 216 Allowing more children access to equitable appropriate educational that is free from political agendas and gives power back to parents
- 217 help providing needed materials for [REDACTED] children
- 218 Our need for tech devices
- 219 These are typically the most expensive and necessary part of homeschooling.
- 220 Technology is used so much
- 221 Ability to oversee my children's education and continue schooling at home with a budget for expenses
- 222 Getting an [REDACTED] from the school district can be difficult and lengthy.
- 223 Knowing that many students with educational challenges can be greatly helped with good technology.
- 224 so many educational opportunities are online now, but so many families don't have an [REDACTED] for access to good tech.
- 225 Increasing the safety on securing Liberty on education
- 226 Increasing the safety on securing Liberty on education
- 227 student [REDACTED] expired and new [REDACTED] should be explored
- 228 Technology is a necessity for today's learners.
- 229 Ability to purchase laptops for educational learning sites
- 230 Increased accessibility for online educational opportunities
- 231 The need for access to computers for homeschool resources
- 232 we pay for transportation currently
A laptop would be so helpful for our homeschooling! We have videos that go with our Latin study and songs that go with grammar and Latin and the computer is so nice for this. I also plan to get
- 233 some spelling software for my [REDACTED]
- 234 The need to keep home instruction up to date and on or with in public instruction
- 235 My [REDACTED] needs a computer because [REDACTED] has trouble with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has been using mine and I am happy that we will now be able to purchase one of [REDACTED] own.
- 236 Financial aid.
- 237 My child having [REDACTED] and not having a school that I could feel safe to place [REDACTED] in, which originally disqualified [REDACTED] from receiving [REDACTED] through the program.
- 238 Increasing the deadlines for Account Holder response from 10 days to 15 days
- 239 It's a tool most parents can't afford for each child

Inflation has made us struggle with providing more schooling resources and we would like to take advantage of devices to use apps like [REDACTED] and ebooks/audiobooks available through our library.

240 I'm not. These changes suck

242 my [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] age

243 Universal acceptance

244 Public schools give computers for kids to use

Every child needs technology equipment in this day and age. Computers, printers Pens etc. Should have always been approved for ALL. I highly believe that everything should be approved for ALL children.

246 Not being eligible for technology before as [REDACTED] kids [REDACTED] did not state they needed it.

247 Allowing Computer/laptops purchases would add an extra security when we needed it.

248 My child learns best with a computer or tablet. [REDACTED] is non [REDACTED], but can [REDACTED] like nobody's business.

Homeschooling is expensive. One parent stays home so we do not have that income, plus there is the added expense of all the educational materials. Computers have been out of the question but necessary when we have [REDACTED] children needing to access educational materials online. This will enable a smoother flow in our home, plus the benefit of updated technology for our children to learn how to use and interact with as other children in school environments have the opportunity for.

249 I have [REDACTED] children at private school. Small class sizes are the most important thing to us and can only be found in private schools in AZ.

251 My [REDACTED] switching from a public school to [REDACTED] Christian School

252 Public schools use money for computers & technology, now we can as well.

253 Choosing private education comes with additional costs, transportation being one. With the prices of gas, long drives 2x per day (at least) really add up.

254 Computers get old and break and the students need a good one to do typing, and online learning

255 I do not want qualification to be contingent on prior public school attendance.

256 my child not having a computer to complete assignments

257 Some families cannot afford to buy each child a computer for school; this helps them have that available for the kids' education.

258 Because a computer is an essential educational tool, and should be covered.

259 need for ipad/computer for educational online programs and virtual tutoring options

260 It is crucial for my [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to get to college classes.

261 I believe it will reduce fraudulent activity attempts.

262 universal qualification

263 N/A

264 This will make it easier for students to receive the education/research they need at home.

265 Better Education Opportunity

266 My child will need a computer to accomplish some of [REDACTED] school work

My students are receiving [REDACTED], all of which we pay for entirely out of pocket. It is a HUGE expense to our family, but as my children have never attended public school, they do not have ar [REDACTED] We have private [REDACTED] from their [REDACTED] etc. so I am hoping to use these reports in the future to submit to ESA. Having even a small part of our [REDACTED] included in our allowable expenses would be a huge blessing!

267 I'd like to make sure I'm fully informed about what I'm signing off on.

Having a computer for each student would be so helpful. Currently our family of [REDACTED] shares one computer. It is a lot of effort to juggle the switching on and off each account for each [REDACTED] student.

The school my children were assigned to for their [REDACTED] was very vocal of their disapproval of ESA. The [REDACTED] department at the school had no intentions to grant my children [REDACTED] even told me that if the decision had been solely [REDACTED] they would not receive [REDACTED] approval. [REDACTED] lost my extensive paperwork for all [REDACTED] students 4 different times. This did not seem professional or appropriate. I prefer a non-biased [REDACTED]

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trying to get the school to [REDACTED] a child who is not in their school has been all but impossible. As an ex-public school teacher, the staff was polite, but seemed overwhelmed and were unhelpful. They kept saying, well your child doesn't go here so we can't know. It was ultimately a long drawn out unfruitful experience. They all agreed my [REDACTED] had obvious things [REDACTED] really needed help with, but they couldn't help me because [REDACTED] didn't attend their school... During the course of the process, they actually asked me what TESTS I wanted them to use, they lost the scoring form and had to cancel my meeting for results and then moved the meeting from in person to a phone call in which they called me 3 hours later than said. They sent me the signature form right away but didn't send me the actual results for several weeks. It was terrible. I was no better informed by the end of this and my [REDACTED] ended up not getting the help [REDACTED] needed. We are currently going through the [REDACTED] process to get another outside [REDACTED]. I think it would have been better to have just gone this route to begin with. They are giving me so much more information that's actually valuable in what I need to do to help my [REDACTED]. They are picking up on things the school couldn't. They are thorough and knowledgeable. The [REDACTED] process should be

271 valuable and informative.

272 I have children on ESA who needed to purchase and use technology such as computers as much as their [REDACTED] who was able to access one due to [REDACTED]

273 the failing public school system

274 Current computers being outdated and not able to be upgraded due to age and many educational software/google chrome etc not being able to be used on it due to outdate operating systems

275 The flexibility for parents to be able to assist in educating their children by using their tax money where they feel it benefits their child.

276 Allowing our [REDACTED] child who [REDACTED] to apply for ESA

277 Our family could not afford a school computer prior to this. Many educational [REDACTED] apps and websites are now available to us.

278 Possibility of bypassing home school district for increased funding/eligibility-category-change

279 Tech devices are very expensive and they are pretty much mandatory for school these days.

280 It allows more resources to help my child

281 Ability to use my tax funds to send my child to school where I want.

282 All students need access to computers and technology equally

283 Given the ability to provide up to date technology that will aid for higher learning.

284 the government offering support to families that are willing and able to school from home!

285 Universal ESA

My [REDACTED] is an ESA student at a [REDACTED] that doesn't provide transportation. Our transportation expenses from school to home (just one way, I drop [REDACTED] off in the morning) for a school 20 minutes from our home is \$1000/month. I am a single parent, work *2* jobs and still can barely keep our heads above water.

287 It will help since I transport a [REDACTED] child

288 The number of courses that require such devices as part of instruction/learning.

289 delays and challenges in dealing with the school district

290 Not having to pay for technology out of pocket.

291 High tech education is a must

292 Technology is a helpful tool for education and is allowed for public school educators and should be allowed by home educators participating in ESA contracts.

Wanting to give my [REDACTED] a mixture of textbook material as well as a technological learning experience to continue to keep up with the evolution on society and it's rapid growth with using digital tools.

294 The need for many families to have electronic devices for schooling and currently unable to obtain them.

295 Need

296 Opening to universal

297 In today's day, education is dependent upon computer technology.

298 Every child should have the opportunity for an education that works best for them without unnecessary waiting.

My [REDACTED] is obsessed with coding. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and this is [REDACTED] super power. [REDACTED] codes in several languages and is always trying to do more and more complicated things but technology is limiting. I can finally get [REDACTED] a computer that will compile [REDACTED] code and can handle anything [REDACTED] wants to learn about.

Computers and other technology is vital to a student's success- regardless of method of teaching. Every public school is provided funding for a computer lab or other student accessible computers- home and private school students should have the same option.

301 Having the option to get telescope without needing to find a special curriculum and being able to purchase consumables such as printer paper and ink for printing off curriculum.

302 After [REDACTED] years of homeschools using our limited funds this opens doors for our children's education that I don't think would be possible

303 My feelings

I'm a [REDACTED] parent who doesn't drive, and transportation has been a barrier to fully using ESA to educate my [REDACTED] children. Classes, [REDACTED] activities can be extra expensive and difficult to get to
304 when you don't drive.

305 In 2022, computers are an integral part of education.

It has allowed me to purchase a touchscreen chrome book for my [REDACTED] to use educational apps on but also work on typing which [REDACTED] kindle fire isn't able to do. [REDACTED] has [REDACTED]
306 and typing is going to be a very important skill.

In general, public school district [REDACTED] focus on the skills needed to access a public school curriculum. This is not fully relevant criteria to use to evaluate a child who will be learning at home/with a tutor/at a private school. Moreover, as the parent of an [REDACTED] with excellent [REDACTED] public school [REDACTED] seem not to have the most current and
307 accurate knowledge about how [REDACTED] impacts [REDACTED] in an educational setting.

308 Home educated kids should have access to these things as well, especially since a lot of curriculum/classes use these.

309 This gives more availability for assistive devices for [REDACTED] kids

310 More students qualify for ESA!

In Feb 2022, parents were required to repay expenses that ADE had reviewed for preapproval and reviewed again to authorized reimbursement. Please revise R7-2-1507.C so parents are NOT
311 entrapped for mistakes by staff at ADE.

The current appeals process was set up to intimidate account holders and they do not have the protection of due process. With dues process lefal fees can be recouped if you prevail. What
312 about the process of appeal for ESA ?

I am most concerned about this conforming change from House Bill 2853 due to:

- 1 I'm hoping that there can be wording put in to provide the child's [REDACTED] a say in the [REDACTED] if there are county [REDACTED] selected
- 2 none
- 3 Being too vague and ESA getting confused and rejecting
- 4 I do not fully understand what this entails and need clarification.
- 5 I don't believe it will be used as intended. I know some people ordering Apple Watches.
- 6 This will make people who don't want to deal with the public school system.
- 7 Online instruction is not the same as in person and need not match the hours
- 8 This does make it seem more like a voucher program rather than a scholarship. I fear this would be a point for groups not in favor of ESA to cause legislative contention.
- 9 There needs to be a rule that SBE cannot come after parents once they approve an expense. They need to accept responsibility if they approve an order.
- 10 This a great Update, but this was supposed to happen a while ago and we are still waiting.

- 11 Not being able to buy certain consumables including paper, pens or markers, and that in the draft it would appear that computer hardware is trying to be removed from the approved category.
- 12 There should be no hour requirement.
- 13 N/A
- 14 This could be very detrimental to a child who has been exclusively homeschooled to this point
- 15 Parents should have the ultimate say in their homeschooling requirements
- 16 I don't have many concerns yet, this is all new to us.
- 17 It still seems like there will be an extensive wait to be able to get to the third party [REDACTED]. School districts are still making this difficult.
- 18 would help my child become more familiar with the technology and use it for college in the future
- 19 Too much dependency on screens/tech
- 20 I want to secure homeschool families will always qualify regardless of attending public schools previously
- 21 Not sure what it means.
- 22 delayed answers and service
- 23 Confused about what the changes might be
- 24 I am concerned this will limit those who need [REDACTED] and bottleneck the response time.
- 25 Not having the flexibility with what we are learning and allowing a third party to have guidelines on how we homeschool.
It doesn't affect me personally now but wish that had been around before when I spent a small fortune providing all my [REDACTED] schooling transportation expenses when he transitioned to ESA. Glad
- 26 parents will now not have that financial burden.
- 27 financial problems
- 28 Na
- 29 Requiring previous public school feels restrictive and unfair. These are our children, we should get to decide.
- 30 I'm confused what it means
It doesn't seem fair to only allow previous public school students to qualify. Some parents were so disgusted with the public schools, they did not want their child receiving any education from the
- 31 public school system from the beginning.
- 32 I hope the ESA scholarship does not change and allows people with [REDACTED] to receive funds throughout their educational career.
- 33 My child has not attended public school in Arizona and may disqualify us from this scholarship even though we currently receive it and use it well
- 34 Im not sure what this means
- 35 Some people may choose to homeschool or some other alternative from the beginning
- 36 I'm not particularly concerned about any of these as it seems they greatly benefit the students.
- 37 Who will control the fee 3rd parties will charge. Is there a cap for fee?
- 38 Any excessive taxes to the counties
- 39 Vagueness
- 40 I dont know what this means
- 41 not sure
- 42 I am not

Why would this benefit only be to a child in public school? There are parents like myself that sacrifice and can barely afford to keep their children out of public school. Would this disqualify a student if they already have been approved?

44 None

45 Transportation can allow placement that would not fit in schedules otherwise.

46 AZ doesn't currently require formal school before age 6

I think advocates should be able to charge for their time. It's hard enough finding good people. We would have a better pool of people that really enjoy what they do if they could make a living doing it.

48 School choice tax money goes with student

49 For younger children this may be over the top

50 Having done both this is not even close to the same thing

51 Doesn't allow for home schoolers or private school students

52 Everything

53 Subsequent years may not be covered and many families currently in private school need help too.

54 I had to select one above, but I'm not concerned about this. The whole bill is very exciting and well written.

55 Transportation is expensive, especially if you don't own a car.

My [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. Although [REDACTED] was already attending virtual school, [REDACTED] There are always circumstances that can be explained, but should not be a hard and fast rule.

57 Not concerned

58 I would like more information regarding this change.

59 Not really concerned about any of these things

60 Hours in a chair do not equate to hours of true learning. Every child learns at a different pace, it should not be determined by time.

61 For the kids that need it

62 Many of the staff seem to not be educated on the new law and what is approved. Many requests are getting denied that should be approved.

63 It is the most concerning of the choices

64 no real concern on any of the updated changes

65 Not sure how this will affect parents

If a student needs to have previously attended public school in order to qualify for ESA funds, this seems to be a true disservice to families who are (and have been) seeking school choice. This seemed to be supportive of school choice, but with these changes seems to only be supportive of families who are "school switch". What about families who have never enrolled in public school and have always participated in private schools or homeschooling? It seems these families now get penalized for always seeking "school choice" from the beginning.

67 I worry about the propensity for potential abuse

68 I appreciate the lowering of the hours but believe they should not be required at all. Zero attendance requirement, because I would not put my children in one for one hour.

69 Should be fir all students, not just those who went to public school

70 I am concerned about the transparency.

71 Make the process as easy as possible for parents.

I am concerned that it will restrict parent safeguards such as [REDACTED]. Will parents choose the [REDACTED] or be limited to providers ADE chooses? How does a child get [REDACTED] qualification status if there is no [REDACTED]

73 I dont understand this.

74 N/A

75 Will have an incoming [REDACTED] student soon

76 My child being exclusively homeschooled.

77 Shorter response time is better from staff

78 I would hope these 3rd parties are vetted and in agreement with allowing students who go to private school to receive ESA funds.

79 I am not concerned about anything.

80 Pre-approval times, reimbursement times, not enough guidance.

81 I'm not actually concerned about any of the changes proposed

We have always homeschooled our children and never had help to increase the quality of their education. I would hate to lose the ability to try new curriculums because my children have never been enrolled in a public school.

83 We have not attended and do not intend to attend a public school

84 I don't understand what this means

Im concerned ADE will attempt to limit these purchases. Statute does not specify how many or what type of devices can be purchased. Kids break things,etc. Please ensure the rule specifies that ADE cannot limit the computer purchaes per school year and parents dont need provide explanations. If the account has the funds the child can purchase the tech. They do not need to prove to ADE why they need to purchase it ,etc. I dont want ADE telling my child they can only purchase 1 laptop per school year or that I must give explanation why it needs purchased. Im sick of ADE

85 taking liberties with statute interpretation.

86 Understanding that online instruction takes less time than in-person at times.

87 I'm unsure of what this means exactly

88 I'm not sure I understand this change

89 I'm not concerned about it but had to select something. I am not concerned about any of those choices

90 I'm not quite sure I understand this portion of the bill.

We are choosing not to send our child to public [REDACTED] so based on [REDACTED] never attending a public school we wouldn't be able to apply for ESA funds. It shouldn't matter and should be a parent's decision

92 Not applicable

93 My children have never attended public school, yet my tax dollars pay for it. I don't think we should be required to send our children to a school in order to receive ESA funds that we paid for.

94 Hours of online instruction

95 Gas prices

96 It's hard to get a base line when never attending public school.

97 I had to choose one. I'm not concerned about any of them.

98 Covering expenses not directly connected to education.

99 Public schools don't fit everyone

100 I believe Charter Schools should not be considered a public school

101 Having a child that hasn't gone to school.

102 We only need days

103 Restricting use of Tax Credit Donations from [REDACTED] with ESA! It is not right or fair for students who cannot cover tuition with only ESA.

104 N/a

105 NA

106 I can't tell from the slides what the change will be. Will the requirement be increased or decreased?

107 I'm not sure what it means. What [REDACTED]? I don't want any [REDACTED]

108 The verbiage makes it look like kids may have online instruction

I have no major concerns with the recent changes. I am only hopeful that there are not those that will take advantage of the program and ruin it for the ones who honestly need help educating their children.

110 What this means to me

111 I do not have any concern.

If a child's parents struggle and sacrifice to provide a private education for them, all while continuing to pay the same taxes as everyone else, they should not be penalized for having made the sacrifice. It is un-American and unfair.

113 Trying to figure out how it works with the new laws

114 Would my children be disqualified because they formerly attended a charter school?

115 My children are currently homeschooled students so this change would disqualify them.

116 My family would no longer be eligible

117 This would be great to have for all children in the ESA program and not just for those with [REDACTED]

I'm not really concerned about this. I couldn't submit it survey without checking something. I do however, understand the need for allowable transportation, especially for children needing
118 [redacted] in their transportation to and from wherever they go for their education.

119 None concern me

120 I don't know

121 n/a

122 Not very concerned. But in general, I feel online or home education should take few hours than in-person, depending on the student's strengths in a topic and speed in demonstrating learning.

123 I'm not concerned about any of the above changes

124 I am not very concerned.

125 This closes the door on homeschool families. I see no reason for this stipulation.

126 time restraints

It shouldn't matter whether or not a student has gone to public schools. Education is important and ultimately the parents choice to provide the best possible education available for their
127 student/child.

128 NA

129 I put my children into private school years ago because I do not have confidence in public school. I do not think that should be grounds to disqualify me from ESA money

130 [redacted] may not provide an unbiased assessment if there is less oversight.

131 Families who relied on the previous law

132 Na

133 problematic for homeschoolers

134 This should only be for [redacted] students or students who need additional [redacted] the learning experience

135 That would encourage students to quit private school and go to public schools for a quarter only to then go back to a private school. Very dumb proposal!

136 My child has been enrolled in private school and I've paid every dime and didn't use an [redacted]

137 This could easily be abused

138 I feel like we have been waiting for this for a long time and I am worried it will be put off again.

139 If this isn't allowed my student won't ever get the [redacted] they need because of lack of qualified [redacted] at my local school district.

140 ineligibility for [redacted]

141 I hope that [redacted] within last year will be acceptable if from a qualified professional.

I have [redacted] children in ESA for [redacted], with [redacted], and I appreciate that the department and board has thus far trusted the parents to choose [redacted]. I feel contracted third parties will work
142 solely in the best interest of the department and board, and less for the student.

143 ?

144 I feel like this is still too murky and makes parents have to jump through too many hoops.

145 Homeschool students need equal resources as in-school children

146 I'm just not really sure what that means or how it applies to my kids/students.?

I am most concerned that this process will make the educational [redacted] for parents with a child that has [redacted] longer or some how harder. I am worried that parents will still be told
147 that there are long wait time and parent still struggling to get a proper [redacted]. I am also worried about having to fight the local home district for access to this change.

148 None

149 Disqualification of many applications

150 Not sure who these third parties are

151 This is very vague and undefined in the rules. We need clarification and parent input on the final rules relating to transportation to make sure it works for students.

152 I had to choose one

I dont think time should be part of the requirement for homeschooling. The curriculum is being taught and if there's only 1 child, there's no way to compare to a public school time frame in a
153 classroom.

154 Potential for abusing this benefit.

155 I really am not concerned with any of the above.

I would like clarification on the inclusion of transportation expenses. Does it include uber or lyft rides? Some parents or guardians can not drive due to physical or mental health complications or simply because they don't have a car. It would be wonderful if parents could ride with the child to field trips, park socialization days, and co-op meetings. However, it is unclear whether or not transportation to these places would be covered or if it only covers transportation to and from a brick and mortar school.

157 15 DAYS ISNT LONG ENOUGH

158 Penalizes parents for proactively removing youth from public school system

159 Homeschooling children and need electronic devices

160 My children haven't attended public school - I have a teaching license and have schooled at home from the beginning.

161 I worry about misuse

162 As a homeschooling family this has not been required in Arizona.

163 none of the above

164 What will that mean

165 I really do not have any concerns with these new changes but since it's required for me to choose one, I chose this. I am very excited about this program thus far. Thank you :)

Students who have already been home schooled or attend private schools also pay taxes to support the public schools. If students already in public school can use their tax dollars to switch to private schools, it is unfair that students in private schools not be given the same opportunity.

167 It would be great for the funding to be available for students no matter where they've attended school

168 Over use of equipment requests.

169 How this May impact new students

170 I have no concerns at this time

171 I have no concerns, but had to choose one from above so I picked last one.

172 I was forced to select something, but I do have a concern with any of the above. My concerns are with how the accounts are being administered.

173 Child has never attended public school in AZ.

174 Just undecided

175 My children attend private school

176 N/A

177 Na

178 equally concerned about any changes.

179 I am interested in hearing more details on kindergarten students.

180 this is a bit too broad and who is to say that this device is mostly for school? very costly perk

181 Unneeded solicitation

Our public school system is not adequate to our kids' needs. Requiring prior public school attendance discriminated against children with [REDACTED] which the public schools simply cannot serve well. My child would have been placed in an inappropriate setting [REDACTED] but is instead attending a school for the [REDACTED]

183 I worry about the quality of education online schooling that elementary school offers.

184 Longer wait time is undesirable

185 N/a

186 Concerned with how efficient these advocates will be and availability.

187 That might be confusing for those not from a public school thinking they are not eligible.

188 Uncertainty on how audits will be done.

189 Was hoping for my child to start [REDACTED] prior to age [REDACTED] and qualify for funds before this age.

190 N/A

191 Schools would provide hardware, ESA money should as well.

192 n/a

193 Including EVERY child, especially those families that are in a higher tax bracket that can afford items/private schools without assistance. Program should be for those in need.

As a parent, from any financial standpoint, I do not feel I should be monetarily coerced into sending my child(ren) to attend an institution that I'm obviously unhappy with its methods. If I wanted to send my child to the public school here, I wouldn't be seeking ESA in the first place. Right?

I don't know what that is or means. The rest are self explanatory. If it's about auditing how funds are spent and someone not used to [REDACTED] kids could mistake [REDACTED] items for toys and
195 deny them.

What does this mean? Please hire someone who can write American English clearly and succinctly to write all future outputs. It's embarrassing to read this nonsensical, overstated drivel put out by
196 an ostensibly educated government agency.

I don't think receiving USA point fireceiving USA funds should be dependent on whether or not the child has attended public school previously. I believe this because many parents including myself
197 have not had their children and do not want their children to attend public school for a multitude of reasons.

198 Hoping this makes it easier for [REDACTED] to receive more funding without having to involve the public school

199 Helps with necessary additional expenses

200 I don't know what the hours involve

201 potential abuse, tracking of expenses

202 I don't have any concerns, I just had to choose one from the above list

203 It sounds like if policy makers don't act it will take a long time before this becomes something we can use.

204 Updated ESA qualification contingent on previous attendance at a public school

205 N/a

206 I think this needs to be longer due to lack of staffing.

207 My child gets [REDACTED] instruction

208 Being able to find [REDACTED] that are covered

209 How are we able to provide evidence of on-line instruction hours?

210 Issues will take longer to resolve

211 not very concerned

212 ?

213 Not sure how this will affect home schoolers

214 not concerned at all

215 If the child has never attended a public school would hinder student from attending a private school of their choice.

216 I feel there should not be a minimum requirement to access education

217 increase of people has caused decrease in getting items fast

218 This does not seem a reasonable inclusion

219 None

220 Just not sure I understand it entirely.

221 Potential abuse of funds though I believe administrators will be fair in justifications

222 Not concerned about any, but you made me choose one. Sort of sneaky right there.

223 I don't understand this change in light of the "Expanded Qualified Student Definition."

I'm concerned that counties will provide a list of only 1 or 2 providers, who will then get overwhelmed with [REDACTED] requests and have an unreasonable waiting list (already several providers are
booked out 8 months), but because the list *does* exist it will preclude parents from being able to choose someone they can get in to see who's not on the list. Also, there's no guarantee that

224 doctors on the list will be taking new patients.

225 For qualifying

226 For qualifying

227 confusing - my experience says online hours are more concentrated than in person hours and should not be equal in terms of time

The ESA qualification should not be contingent on previous attendance at public schools. Many parents choose to send their children to private schools from preschool and do not want to ever
228 be part of the public school program.

229 Not concerned, but confused as I thought the bill removed all school hour requirements for universal. Why would it still be needed for students with a disability?

230 None at the moment, but there wasn't that option

231 My [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] but doesn't qualify even though [REDACTED] is being homeschooled currently

232 the time it takes for ADE to respond to anything

233 Not sure what this means exactly

234 I do not understand this. Does this mean previously homeschooled children would not qualify?

235 I am not concerned about any of these changes.
236 The inability of the student to capture attention.
237 I'm not sure where this is located on the bill, but so long as no one is dictating how many hours parents can homeschool then I have no issue.
238 Updated ESA qualification contingent on previous attendance at a public school
239 We're concerned with who will be evaluating our claims
240 I hope my child will still be eligible next year when [REDACTED] will be turning [REDACTED]
241 Your trying to gut the bill for private schools
242 we moved here and went right to private school
243 Thank you
244 Third party is ambiguous
245 Options for education will be limited for private schools and public schools will continue to struggle.
246 The process seems confusing to me and would appreciate more information about the process.
We should not be subject to person regulations concerning the amount of time spent learning. Obviously, it does not take the same amount of time to teach a child at home vs the amount of time
247 it takes to instruct a whole class while in person. We are also eating when we want, our library is not across campus, ect...
248 No concerns for me. It made me pick one.

Our family has always homeschooled. It would be unnecessary hardship for us to sign our children up for public school to then bring them back to homeschooling just to qualify for ESA. We have long absorbed the financial impact of homeschooling. We have homeschooled due to a variety of [REDACTED] and recommendations by [REDACTED] for our children's [REDACTED] and success and [REDACTED]. Going through such hoops would be adverse for our children. Yet the financial assistance to home educate our children is huge! I would have the ability to purchase new reference
249 materials that are up to date for them and many other educational materials without it impacting our family's ability to pay for groceries, bills, and clothing, etc.
250 Not quite sure how to transfer funds to pay toward school tuition.
251 I need the assistance to help pay for the tuition
252 Some children progress faster than others and finish sooner. Don't penalize them with having to meet required hours.
253 Why would previous public school attendance matter?
254 This precludes long time home schooling families from being eligible
255 I do not want my child to be disqualified because [REDACTED] has only ever attended private school.
256 it is not relevant to me
257 Seems like when things get "contracted out" to companies, they never work properly
258 There should be a "not concerned" or n/a option.
259 I would like this change.
260 People should be free to choose their advocates.
261 I'm concerned that the Board will drag their feet and this could eventually fall back on the parents to research and pay for a qualified third party [REDACTED]
262 none
263 N/A
264 I wouldn't want the ESA Program to be limited to students based on their previous attendance records at public schools.
265 n/a
266 Does this mean my typical child ([REDACTED]) will have to attend public school in order to be eligible?
I would like to ensure that previous public school attendance is NEVER mandatory to participate in the program again. Having been exclusively home educating my children since preschool, my children have never been, and will never be, registered in the public school system. I am glad to now be included in this program without attendance to the public school system and hope that this
267 requirement never returns.
as someone who moved to AZ from NJ, we previously attended PS in NJ because the public schools there far exceed the education in PS here in AZ. I knew I would have to enroll in a private or
268 charter school here. It should have no bearing on whether we previously attended PS or not.
269 I do not want a third party determining what material I need to teach my children in order to pass a test.
Why can't we hire professionals to guide us through areas with which we are unfamiliar? Any decent advocate will charge for their services. This sounds like we can only get the help of an
270 advocate who is willing to work with us pro-bono. This does not sit right with me.
271 Where will you find an advocate willing to help free?

272 Possible bias by supposed independent third parties for evaluations
273 the distance to travel to a good private school
274 Not sure what that really means exactly
275 I am not actually concerned about the change
276 Clear guidelines for this have not been communicated to ESA holders
277 I don't have concerns "none" was an option.
278 I am most excited for and most concerned for the same issue. Parents need a way to bypass public schools for eligibility changes/ [REDACTED] qualifications.
279 I am not an advocate for online schooling. Children need to learn social skills as well as being educated.
280 I am concerned that if the school is far it would be expensive to travel
281 NA

SBE needs to address MCC code in rules process. MCC codes should not be blocked at places like apple, hp, microsoft etc. SBE needs to address software. Students need software for educational
282 purposes. Current ESA department is rejecting and prohibiting software and computers that come with free software. Statute does not prohibit software.
283 It may not be enough time to respond.
284 I don't really know how this applies to my family.
285 Having to remove a child from public school in order to get approved and taking about 3 weeks or more to get ClassWallet setup.
286 I'm not concerned about any other provisions that what I said above.
287 Not concerned about any

288 With the parent responses already reflecting inconsistent application of current rules, how will a third party ensure there won't be more of the same, but instead more consistency?

289 potential fraud

290 I worry there are those that would take advantage of families with loopholes and get the money meant for children.

291 A student's eligibility shouldn't be based on having been a prior student of our failed schools

Equal numbers of instruction are not necessary with smaller teacher to child ratios. Educating my [REDACTED] children allows me to give full individual instruction time to each child with each subject,

292 which is drastically different than if I were teaching 20 children in a public school classroom. This requirement is unnecessary.

293 I have another [REDACTED] on the way, and when [REDACTED] gets old enough to attend school, I just don't want to experience and trouble or setbacks with enrollment.

294 The amount of classes being taken online may not be a full curriculum's worth. The child may only be taking a couple classes online and therefore wouldn't be able to acquire that many hours.

295 Everything is taking so much longer

296 N/A

297 It is disruptive to a child's education, especially a student with [REDACTED], to require a drastic change in educational locations.

If private [REDACTED] become allowed, I hope the board will have parameters for accepting previous [REDACTED] or from providers besides the few listed. Some kids have been put through

298 enough [REDACTED] and shouldn't have to jump through hoops all over again if they already have proof of [REDACTED] from another provider.

299 I am actually not concerned but I do hope we have some checks and balances on who can [REDACTED] things.

The inclusion of transportation should be more broad. It currently does not cover gas or mileage, only public transportation, however I and many others on this program live outside of publicly
300 available transportation areas.

301 Your survey is forcing me to choose one. I am not concerned about this.

302 This would be addition I've used the school for [REDACTED] and even our family Dr was upset with how inaccurate it was plus the amount of time it took to even get my child [REDACTED]

303 My concerns

I'm concerned because most rules around transportation are written in favor of individuals who can and do drive themselves. I don't want transportation to be allowed, but then effectively

304 rendered unuseable to somebody who doesn't have/drive their own car.

305 Parents I have spoken to have not been aware that starting a scholarship when a child turns 5 may reduce the total time that child can be a recipient.

Dropping the attendance requirement has flooded the system and all participants are struggling with wait times. Wait times that used to be 2-5 days have skyrocketed to 30. This puts undue stress
306 on family finances and educational goals.

I think this is a positive change, but I am concerned about its implementation. I hope it will include allowable options for families who don't have their own car or method of transportation. Income and disability impacts one's ability to access transportation, and I hope this fact isn't overlooked in the rule-making process. Moreover, since most of Az doesn't have a viable public transit infrastructure, allowing options like ride share, paratransit, and driver services may be worth doing.

307 This gives more time to gather together what we need.

308 Worried it could become more difficult to understand

309 "Qualification contingent" is confusing!

In Feb 2022, parents were required to repay expenses that ADE had reviewed for preapproval and reviewed again to authorized reimbursement. Please revise R7-2-1507.C so parents are NOT entrapped for mistakes by staff at ADE.

311 "Public" is limiting

Please provide any other comments or feedback here for the Board's consideration

- 1 Thank you
- 2 excited that this bill including homeschoolers and private school aged children
- 3 I am also concerned with vendors not getting paid in a timely manner due to increase in participants and not processing orders through CW marketplace and my child's classes getting canceled
- 4 I hope you monitor the purchases better. People should not be using this for family vacation, presents for kids or others and to start family businesses, all of which I have seen many many post about on Facebook.
- 5 We are so hopeful the SBE realizes how important the universal esa is to so many families. We are so grateful to have this support.
- 6 I would love it if there was a flow chart graphic (Easily followed, simple language, etc) to help guide the different concerns between the SBE and the ADE so people know who to contact about what. Parents need protection too. It is a lot of money to expect parents to pay an item back that follows the rules, the handbook, and you receive approval for. The approval list needs to be updated as well. What are the limits for electronics? Can a student purchase a laptop, iPad, and a desktop? How often? What happens if the iPad breaks? Can they purchase a new one in the same year? Is there a limit to consumables?
- 7 WestMec is available for public school students. Please have the rules reflect that students without a disability can also attend trade schools. The world is changing and needs more people who work in the trades.
- 8 I'm most consented with I consistent enforcement and interpretation by the ESA staff. I am excited for the handbook to reflect all the great changes made by HB 2853!
- 9 House Bill 2853 is perfect as written, please do not go back to the old qualification standards for what students are eligible, and what materials are allowed. The majority of us in Arizona wanted this bill, as is, do not attempt to change it!
- 10 Please clarify handbook and include consumables
- 11 ADE needs to do a meeting and answer SO MANY questions everyone has!!!
- 12 I would like clarification on whether or not homeschoolers must withdraw their affidavits. Our approval e-mail indicated we were NOT to withdraw our affidavit, however we're receiving conflicting information. We are so grateful for the program as it is now. We want to continue homeschooling the way we have been for the last 10 years. We really are so grateful for the additional resources that we would not have or known about otherwise. All the sacrifices we have made to be able to homeschool have all been worth it as my children thrive learning at home, they will flourish now with the extra resources available to them!
- 13 Please allow people with disabilities to continuously receive ESA funds so they can attend any private school of their choice. Seems there is a disconnect between ADE, ESA and ESA parents. Would be great to have ADE creating more opportunities to talk/understand ESA parents needs and ESA/Class Wallet processes. Thank you do for helpful information provided yesterday.
- 15
- 16 We need to have faster approval times for materials in Class wallet Marketplace
- 17 Please consider keeping this open for all children not just ones coming from public school. Parents need the tools and fund to insurance a proper education is provided.
- 18 None
- 19 I also think the kids that aren't able to go to a secondary college or something like that should be able to continue to stay full time pursuing life skills to support them in being able to be productive citizen especially if they are held back by [redacted] and are [redacted] to qualify for other state supports like [redacted] for [redacted]
- 20 How are you going to identify preschools with [redacted]? Are children who are [redacted] going to be included? They have as many challenges as those who are [redacted] (ie my child [redacted] and can [redacted] level [redacted]) and there are no public schools for [redacted] struggles as a result. Can a child attend kindergarten half-day and pay for full day with ESA and supplement with materials (accelerated) if the child is gifted?
- 21 If you can figure out third party [redacted] that will also be a game changer - again, some of these kids are super unique that's why we are where we are today.
- 22 Please allow all Arizona children to participate in the ESA, including private school and homeschooled children. Know that we are not controlled.
- 23 Strategies are the way we play
- 24 Families should be able to send kids to whatever school they choose and receive financial support to do so.
- 25 More qualifying schools that accept the Esa scholarship
- 26 I think I am just concerned that the state is trying to turn ESA into a form of public school. If a child is able to get everything done, why do "school hours" matter. I also think there should be a quicker turn around time for both parents and ESA when it comes to questions, clarifications, and concerns. Ten to fifteen days is way too long in my opinion. If you start to create more rules, then it becomes more of a burden than a blessing for those that are trying to help their children. As a homeschooling family for the past 10 years, ESA is opening new doors for my children. The district will now be able to add my children and receive funding they were not getting before. I am excited to be able to have a day on how my tax dollars are being spent for their education, we're as for the past decade, we paid out of pocket for education as well as our property taxes funding the district we did not want to be a part of.
- 27 The ADE needs to hire and adequately train employees to help the huge backlog of approvals waiting to be addressed. I have reimbursement requests that haven't been addressed in over two weeks. It's an absolutely ridiculous amount of time to wait for approvals especially to vendors! You will lose vendors if you don't get it together!
- 28 Thank you for your hard work and consideration.
- 29 I'm concerned that the definitions and rules will not be followed by ADE. I am concerned about the back office deals SBE & ADE make regarding rules. Why isn't SBE addressing all needed rules fixes now while the rules are open. Many suggested this in April.
- 30
- 31 Would like more clear and concise way of having general questions answered.
- 32 N/A
- 33 Restricting input to two set questions does not really provide for our input.
- 34 Need more guidance on purchases, updated allowable list, faster replies.
- 35 Schools are overcrowded and burdened with a lack of qualified staff. Having the choice to homeschool with help will enable parents who can to take their kids out of public school and give the school system an opportunity to thrive in teaching and caring for the families that can't. The class sizes need to be smaller.
- 36 This survey is insufficient and inefficient. I want to provide feedback on all the statute changes. I guess I'll go take it 7 more times...
- 37 Thank you for your time.
- 38 Thank you for all you do!
- 39 Avoid covering expenses which can be easily used to defraud the state. For example, buying a computer, getting reimbursed by ESA and then the user returns the computer for a refund, thereby, getting cash out of ESA. Similarly, transportation expenses can be easily overstated. I suggest narrowly defining covered expenses with a keen focus on education expenses.
- 40 I believe Charter Schools should not be considered public in this situation. There is no transportation or lunch, they require uniforms and strict attire as well as an annual fee to attend.
- 41 We need much faster approvals on orders. Should be days, not weeks.
- 42 PLEASE remove the condition that Tax Credit Donations from [redacted] cannot be used in conjunction with ESA's, or INCREASE the ESA amount to the amount of the Private School Tuition.
- 43 Having ESA funding for [redacted] of my children is a huge game-changer for us. We're able to afford supplies and [redacted] that my children need that we couldn't possibly afford without ESA.
- 44 I'm brand new to the program. I hope that the program can be properly staffed soon. I know many students are being dropped from classes and programs due to the funds taking many many weeks to be approved. I feel really bad for people that have been in the program for a long time and now are not getting their [redacted] they need.
- 45 Just a quick read makes it look like online instruction is required to for the ESA funding?
- 46 I hope I can open my class wallet soon.
- 47 People who are paying into the tax system should have equal rights to the use of those funds. The idea that those who have been attending private school are wealthy is incorrect. As a single parent who has scrimped and saved to provide this to my child, I am outraged that we may be excluded from a benefit that my taxes have gone to provide to others.
- 48 An updated parent handbook and guide to include the instructions and definitions of the universal Esa would be very helpful.
- 49 The Universal ESA grant offers incredible educational opportunities to students that need and alternative to the public school system. Please keep this grant accessible to all students.
- 50 If our families are choosing not to put our child in a public school why should the public school get that funding? I don't feel like just because I live in a school district in a county the public school should be getting money for my children who don't even attend!!
- 51 This is our first year using the ESA funds. We are grateful to be living in AZ and be able to have a bill like this for our children. This will greatly improve their education.
- 52 Being able to purchase computers, technology and consumables for my students is a good and necessary improvement in the program.
- 53 The program is wonderful and a blessing to many families. The board needs to hire more employees to handle the overflow of applicants and the to make the process easier. Start hiring remote workers and stop requiring employees to work in the office. I think ESA employees are doing a great job. We were on the program last year and took [redacted] child off of it to try tax credits. It was much harder. We switched back to ESA for our [redacted] The employees in the program are SO HELPFUL and I just hope they are getting the support with the increased number of child applying. The program is very tricky to understand at first and I have English as my first language. I hope families of lower income and possibly those parents with English as a second language are getting the support as well.
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- 55 Please stop using class wallet as they are unethical. Also please stop making it so impossible for parents to actually use & access the funds they are entitled to. You need clearer rules, better trained staff, and logic. Maybe hire an outside consulting agency to clean up your system & processes.

56 ESA should give educational choice back to the parents while giving them the tools they need to give their children a plethora of educational experiences.

Being ill prepared for the increase of school children and the inability to approve educational materials in a timely manner. It appears to us the general public that this failure was because our current Superintendent had no interest and hoped that the referendum would succeed, and she could continue to appease her political backers. Instead of fighting for the rights of our children's education. There should be some oversight for this type of inappropriate use of the office. The steps should have been taken to be prepared for all outcomes. The clear disregard and disrespect she shows members of the board and parents makes it hard for us to believe and have faith that our children's education is in the best hands. I want to thank the board for continuing to fight for our children when others seem to want their defeat. Thank you.

58 Opening up the ESA to students who do not meet the former categorical designations may reduce the amount of available funding for students with disabilities and others who rely on the ESA.

59 I don't want ESA money to go to just ANY student and bankrupt our public school system that is already responsible for the fallout from mismanaged, uncertified or unregulated schools. It was meant to help disabled students get the resources they needed.

61 The long wait for approvals and reimbursements is HARD. Also the fear of a prior approval being taken back as last year.

ESA money used to purchased hardware would only be substantial once or every few years. It would not be a constant cost. It would be so helpful for my student.

I have student attending public school because I assumed would get the needed at school. It isn't happening. were minimal and I was told take to a private. Because of that I signed up my homeschooler as universal. I'm not going to waste my time if have to be done through the local school district. has an from another state. So I know would qualify but if we could use a third party, especially if we could choose our own that would be very helpful to get we know our child needs. I also have a homeschooled child who appears to be needing some

63 I don't really understand or am not really clear as to whether or not consumable products that are school related, such as pens, pencils, paper, printer ink, tape, glue, ect... are allowable expenses?

64 We know from past experience that things need to be very clear and specific. I ask that parent feedback be carefully considered and utilized to prevent ongoing problems for students and to eliminate loopholes for ADE/ESA staff to exploit.

65 Is there a plan in place to handle the increase in account holders and a quicker response of item approvals and reimbursement?

66 I'm not sure if this is the right place to say this but as a new ESA parent I have heard that sometimes accounts are audited and parents are required to pay back certain things even though they were pre-approved. This makes me nervous because it seems like even if I do everything right there is still a chance that I will have to pay back something due to an error made by the ESA staff. Can there be a rule added eventually stating that parents can not be held accountable for the mistakes that ESA staff make? Thank you for your consideration.

68 Overall, this is a needlessly complicated implementation

69 Are laptops and tablets the considered electronic devices and if we buy them now will we be able to get reimbursed for the purchases?

70 Please increase the number of staff at ADE who are handling ESA. I have been waiting way to long for reimbursements and answers to questions.

71 Consumables, like art supplies, for reimbursement please!!

72 Thank you for the opportunity to be in this program. We are so excited for this school year.

73 I would like to here more or get additional information regarding independent 3rd part. My school district is very difficult to work with, when asking for an for my homeschooled child.

I am new to the program as my children have joined with the Universal expansion. The fact that I have to rely on parents that have previously been in the program for information rather than the ADE is very concerning. If not for other parents sharing information and taking new families under their wing, I would be very lost. There is also a lot of contradictory information as things are getting lost in the mix, and we are unable to get answers from the Help Desk due to the backlog. Even when we DO get a response, two families asking yeh same question can get two different answers based on who answers our question. An example of this is the contradictory information regarding paying brick and mortar private schools. Some say that Class Wallet is the ONLY method of payment allowed, while others have said that they have always been able to private pay, then be reimbursed later. Clarification on this is very much needed. Another big concern is the lengthy lag time for payments to vendors through Class Wallet, along with reimbursement approvals. It's a financial hardship to have funds be locked up while waiting for reimbursements to be paid out.

74 Thank you for making the process so easy to apply and receive funds for my child's private school.

Having updates which include expenses covered for homeschooleders versus for would be ideal. For example Would a membership to a local Urban Air, Luv 2 Play, Elevate, or Uptown Jungle would be helpful as these are great outlets for Physical Education; however, in the student handbook it seems as though these memberships would be denied or viewed as a violation.

Last item would be memberships to zoos, museums, etc. Most memberships to these are now family memberships, which include a child automatically with the purchase of said membership. These places don't break out the cost for just the child, so either allowing ESA funds to be used for one adult and child, 'family membership', or some other wording defining this wording in the handbook would be ideal and help parents not submit possible deniable claims or cause accounts to get suspended.

76 The increase in the amount of administrative support due to the increase in users of the ESA the Board needs to add the support budget to continue to maintain a quality of customer service

77 I do support our public schools, and we need to look for ways to strengthen it but not at the cost of giving children the educational opportunities they deserve. ESA supporting private schools levels the playing field for students. Especially exceptional ones.

78 Thank you for this opportunity to better our kids homeschool experience!

79 ESA is a wonderful opportunity to bring the education we strive to provide our kids. Thank you for all you do to makes is a possibility!

80 ESA should be reserved for lower income to keep tax dollars spent on those that need financial assistance.

The rule sheet should have no more than ten words per sentence, and be limited to a single page. Additionally, all ESA information should be on a single webpage with the rules and contract and contact information. As usual, bureaucracy has made this system harder than it has to be. A single person could run this entire program but I imagine my tax dollars are funding a staff of hundreds--and thousands once people start gaming that "third party contract" nonsense.

82 I think allowing funds to help pay for transportation would be great because a lot of really great learning opportunities are far away like the science center and this would make it easier for families who don't live in the city to access these wonderful resources.

83 We shouldn't have to jump through so many hoops to use our children's funding.

84 Thank you for changing policies to be consistent with the law.

85 My greatly in the in school so benefits from the ESA program immensely. We are so grateful for this ESA program. Thank you for this program.

86 I think you might need to hire some more staff to handle the increased workload but I think you're doing great!

Keeping this scholarship for all children of Arizona allows school choice and my children to have an opportunity that they may not be able to have with out this scholarship. It would be awesome if it included preschool since that is in public schools to. We are grateful that every child will have school choice with what's best for them, the child.

I'm concerned about the way ESA is being set up to fail. The ESA program is actively being campaigned against by one of the leaders running it (Hoffman who supports Save Our Schools which actively fights to close the ESA program). The amount of neglect to anticipate growth, follow through with approvals, reimbursements, and payments in a respectable manner is evident that steps were not taken in a timely manner to see ESA succeed. It's concerning that the representation of some of our states most vulnerable children is being run by someone who actively supports seeing ESA fail.

90 My second priority is the inclusion of preschool and kinder qualification

91 It would be great if reimbursement requests could be worked first. Waiting 2+ weeks for reimbursement can create a financial hardship

92 Thank you for your hard work on getting ESA modified and working so quickly for AZ parents.

93 Very good job

94 Very good job

95 unclear

96 With children who have been in private school since 2008, I am so grateful to finally have some pressure taken off of the burden of the cost of tuition. It has been a huge sacrifice for us. I appreciate the decision to make ESA funds universal.

97 Need more staff to support all the new ESA families.

98 I would like to see some clear guidelines given on consumables that will make it easier to confidently purchase items to enhance our children's learning.

99 Find a way to hold Department of Education responsible in performing their duties.

100 Are consumable educational items included now or no? It's helpful to pay for all the paper, printer toner, art supplies, notebooks.

I would like to be able to purchase a computer somewhere other than Amazon. I am trying to save money and I would be able to do that at places such as Walmart, Target, Costco or Best Buy and I would like to be able to purchase an extended warranty for it as well. This can't be done through Amazon's Classwallet. I understand the influx of new participants but I believe there should be better response time to Helpdesk tickets, more people to answer phones and faster turn around time for reimbursements.

102 Very good decision

103 A better database to view and search the list of approved items needs to be updated.

104 Please, work on speedily resolve of the issues above.

105 We are also happy to see that transportation will be covered now.

106 More clarification on curriculum, just to let parents know they are free to choose their own as long as they are teaching the 5 core subjects.

107 Stop trying to get rid of the bill because you love teachers unions

108 Very wealthy 6 figure earners will be utilizing this program whom could already afford it as pocket change.

109 ESA's for homeschoolers makes so much sense. We pay our taxes, we have children, we are educating them. One parent is not earning an income due to staying home to educate children. Our educational purchases have to come out of a limited budget. Please accommodate students who have always homeschooled to make this easier on these families who work hard to do the best they can for their students.
110 We were very impressed at how quick and simple this process was. We really appreciate all the hard work behind the scenes. Thank you
111 I am glad to get the help I need so [redacted] can have a better education
112 The allowance should have an annual inflationary factor built in based on CPI or other commonly-accepted indicator. Costs are rising fast and that may require parents to make choices based solely on economics and not what is the best education decision for their child.
113 Request that 1 parent ticket/entry be covered in the funding when the kids tickets are purchased for any event
I was so happy to have the State provide this financial option to back our school choice. I hope that proposed changes will not disqualify those students who have been in private school prior to this bill passing. We have carried our tax burden and private school tuition burden. If my children are disqualified by these
114 proposed changes, I will have to disenroll them from private school due to cost and enroll in public school.
115 I think most of this stuff is great.
116 Somehow allow the individual family portal to be accessible by father and mother via separate log in credentials. If this is currently available, provide clear and understandable instructions for set up.
117 n/a

I feel as though there are different requirements and approvals/rejections happening for the same items right now. I know that there are growing pains, but it is very frustrating to wait nearly a month to have a Costco receipt, containing books and legos only, rejected due to not having the student's name on the receipt. Per the handbook, student's names do not have to be on receipts for approved physical items. I have now had to resubmit the receipts and will likely wait another month for approval. It is hard to have to wait for nearly 2 months for things to be approved and reimbursed. In that time, credit card interest in accruing on my card. It is also hard to have things rejected that are clearly acceptable and stated within the handbook. It makes for a very confusing system. It is also disappointing to find that ClassWallet has the right to charge a fee for non-use of the debit card as well as processing fees on every transaction. Lastly, it is very difficult to come by information or have questions answered with no return of emails and inability to get through to anyone on the phone. Overall, we are very grateful for this program and it is definitely a blessing to our family. These are just a few things I wanted to make mention of.
118 We love ESA. Our [redacted] kids have transitioned from continually [redacted] in the traditional setting (and administration shrugging their shoulders and ignoring the issues) to being at grade level through ESA at home. Now that they receive the direct [redacted] they need for their [redacted] they are no longer lost in the crowd of [redacted] in the traditional system. Rather, they now have equal opportunities to be successful in life and a benefit to society. ESA has saved our previously struggling, under-served children who are not "dumb" but simply have individual learning differences and [redacted]
119 ESA is a blessing we do not take for granted.

120 I think the changes are all positive. I am concerned about ADE's implementation. The third party [redacted] was supposed to already be in operation and they have simply ignored it. Who holds them accountable when they simply look the other way instead of addressing what they are supposed to.
121 Thank you for giving us the opportunity to stay abreast and to share our concerns, feedback, and input.
ADE is canceling already approved orders through the Classwallet marketplace with no communication as to why. The MCC code is blocked for the debit card. Helpdesk has confirmed that the purchase is approved and simply suggests that we "re-purchase it again". The only option available is reimbursement which is currently taking multiple weeks. We can not expect people to put out money from their own family's budget and wait until someone gets around to refunding them. The money is for the child, and every penny of that money should be available to use without dipping in to your own bank account. Families are being
122 limited by what they can personally afford to pay. Reimbursement is financial privilege.
123 We need a new way for parents to purchase items that are not in the marketplace and not approved MCC codes for the debit cards. Poor families cannot utilize reimbursement as we do not have the money to float. This is very discriminatory within the program.
I have a [redacted] with a [redacted] of [redacted] has always been homeschooled. I do not trust our home district to "get it right" when it comes to [redacted], as our family has a history with these individuals getting it so very WRONG with [redacted] siblings. We MUST have an alternate for [redacted] and [redacted] determinations outside of our home school district.

The only work-around for [redacted] older siblings was to enroll in a different public school to be [redacted] and attend many more timely [redacted] meetings to have their [redacted] appropriately corrected. There has got to be a better way to update [redacted] for our homeschooled [redacted] students!
124 Please help us streamline a better way!! Thank you for your time and attention to this specific change.
125 None at this time thank you
126 This is the worst survey. Why are you asking about feelings? Why is this survey so short and why can we not comment on everything?
127 I am thrilled that empowerment scholarship has been opened up to all students (and parents) that seek a higher or versatile education.
128 A child should be able to remain in a public school while the process is being setup. Help Desk does not give adequate responses, if a response at all. The process needs work.
Transportation for [redacted] kids is critical. My [redacted] can't go to after school programs because it's not an appropriate environment for [redacted] [redacted] has to come home after school. I work from home but can't leave my job to go get [redacted] so we have to pay and the cost is nearly as much as our rent. Transportation may seem
129 like it's a small thing but it affects our economic life and our ability to have our child go to the school that best fits [redacted] needs.

I'm a business [redacted] and parent of a child receiving ESA for the last 4 years. Only recently have I experienced the delays in processing (approvals of payment/tuition to my [redacted] school through Class Wallet) as a result of adding "universal students" to the program. This is a small problem. I'm grateful for the much needed work on the rules that reflect attention has been given to the needs of those enrolled so students don't slip through the cracks - thank you!! The second half, application of rules, is pertinent to making sure rules are applied consistently to avoid problems with implementing, like those we heard about in the recent meeting 10/31. The compounding problems appear to be a result of insufficient staff to administer a much needed program, leaving parents and AZ Dept staff overwhelmed at the increase in issues not resolved for months. That said, I'm grateful the Board is willing to answer what they can. I believe it's apparent in such meetings, however, the Dept of Ed. needs to put a greater force together to reply to parents on these matters (e.g., no open phone lines? Tickets that aren't answered for months, if ever? On a basic level, it's unacceptable). A sufficient staff to reply to and apply consistency to decisions following Board rule is part of implementing a complete program for ESA. Without this second key piece, executing the rule, you have a great rule addressing needs and no way to bring it to families. Please get ADE executives on board with sufficient staff and training to implement your ruling with consistency and timeliness, so children needing ESA don't fall through the cracks - it's heartbreaking to hear the stories from parents in meetings, most of which have no resolution without ADE action/input. I'm seeking a career change from Medicare B Regulation (former policy committee member)/audit and as a liaison between clinic groups and Medicare (problem
130 resolution) - if you have an open position, I'd be willing to submit a resume for consideration of a role intended to help bridge a gap in the system.

It is important for the ESA program to accept independent educational [redacted] for eligibility on [redacted] rather than require they go through the school district. The school districts often decline requests for (or significantly delay) [redacted]. Many times they deny [redacted], despite demonstrated student need, due to a lack of resources within the district. This is a detriment to the future of these students and greatly inhibits their access to a quality education. Even when districts grant a parent's request for an independent [redacted], they are refusing to meet with the parents to discuss the results if they conflict with the district's original determination. Parents of [redacted] need another avenue to pursue the [redacted] for which their children rightly qualify. It is neither fair nor impartial to allow the school district to have the only, and final, word.
In addition, it would be helpful for the ESA program to consider making printing services an allowable expense. Some math curricula require answer sheets for every lesson. They only provide the master sheet from which to make photocopies with no option to purchase the required number of sheets supplementally.
131 Lastly, it would be beneficial if parents had an option to place a certain percentage of their student's ESA funds into a college savings account annually to be used during their enrollment in the ESA program at a qualifying Arizona university.
Please consider the following
1. Allowing one adult ticket to be reimbursed with each child's ticket to things like museums, zoos, or educational events.
132 2. Adding a number of years experience for credentials. For example, a piano teacher that has taught piano for more than 4 years.
133 Art supplies, special paper, charcoal architect tools should be accessible
134 Everything you guys are doing is amazing, thank you!
135 Please hire more staff
Please consider training everyone at the ESA office to have the same answers. Instead of giving wrong or different answers to each parent. Also when we call the ESA office they tell us something is allowed and then we purchase submit for approval and it's rejected. Also removing the up to 2 years for ESA to come after parent to repay is terribly horrific. All we want is to give our children the best education we can and we have anxiety because you can come after us within 2 years. That's so scary and specially the way the economy is many of us don't have the income to pay back something that was said it's approved. Some of the
136 children will be kicked out for not having the funds to pay back even though was said to be approved items. Please think of that one a bit more. Because that should not be happening.
137 Arizona residents should be able to use their Arizona Public School Tax Credit towards their child's ESA funds.

Additional Rule Suggestions

1. Add parameters for the Allowable Expenses List, such as when items are added or removed, how long it is maintained, and how parents are notified of removals. Currently this list is erratically updated, not thorough, and items have been randomly removed when the ESA staff changes. This sets parents up for failure.
 2. Hiring family members of the ESA student should be clarified in the Rules. Currently the parent handbook is confusing and doesn't define this area adequately. The Arizona Department of Disabilities allows family members to be providers, this should be treated similarly.
 3. Clarify 15-2401(4). The law does not say an "accredited private postsecondary institution" needs to be in state. Historically, the department has not required this until just this last year, but it doesn't align with statute.
 4. Clarify Services Provided By a Public School in ARS 15-2402(B)(4)(k). Career and Technical Education is a high school graduation requirement. CTE public school districts such as West-mec, EVIT, JTED, CTED fall under this category and should be allowed for all high school ESA students.
 5. Clarify "graduation from a postsecondary institution" in ARS 15-2402(K) in regard to the type of degree earned. Dual enrollment classes for both high school and college credits are very common now, allowing some students to earn an associate's degree before graduating high school. These students should have the ability to continue to college with leftover funding. In addition, the statute states the account doesn't close until "after any period of four consecutive years after high school graduation in which the student is not enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution." Students should have the option to continue to graduate school after earning a bachelor's degree if they do not have a gap year and have adequate funding left.
 6. Add language for award amount transparency, such as in individual contracts. In light of errors the department has made in the past, parents need a way to verify their awards are calculated correctly.
 7. Change R7-2-1501(14) to reference a different statute in order to clear up the Department's concern of "Rules conflicting with statute." Should be "14. Supplemental materials referenced in A.R.S. 15-2402(B)(4)(e), INCLUDE relevant materials directly related to the course of study for which they are being used that introduce content and instructional strategies or that enhance, complement, enrich, extend or support the curriculum."
 8. Clarify R7-2-1504(A) when applications are accepted and for what enrollment or funding periods, especially in regard to the new law changes noted in R7-2-1505(A)(2)(b and c). Currently, the department funds the contract for the entire quarter in which it is signed, even if it's the last day of the quarter. Parents receiving STO funding need a clear start/stop date so they are not in violation of current law, but they also need the ability to apply/sign in advance so the ESA funding is available on the date they need it (currently there is a lag of about 2 weeks between signing the contract and receiving funds in the account). Additionally, the department is still requiring students withdraw from public school prior to issuing funding, which creates another lag of 2 weeks (or more, if the public school delays processing the withdrawal form). They suspend the account immediately after the parent signs the contract and do not request the funding until the student's account shows it has been withdrawn from public.
 9. Clarify what it is to enroll in R7-2-1504(C) and how R7-2-1504(D) relates to the ESA application process. There shouldn't be an additional delay of 30 days to receive the contract in addition to the 30 day application period because this delays funding even more (unless the student is applying for a future start date).
 10. Add language to protect parents from required repayment for purchases made in good faith but approved by the Department by mistake in R7-2-1507(C). "This Section does not create authorization for an account holder to expend funds in a manner not permitted by statute" should be edited because it entraps parents for department mistakes.
 - 139 This program has been a God sent. There are definitely some growing pains right now but I believe we can become a model for the rest of the country on what real school choice should look like.
 - 140 I would appreciate if art supplies would be included in the allowable consumables without needing a curriculum. Markers, crayons, and pencils are allowed. I feel paint and similar art supplies should also be allowed.
 - 141 This is an amazing program and I'm very excited about all the positive changes
 - 142 The draft is solid. No changes needed.
 - 143 Allowing services like ride share, paratransit costs, Ride Choice, reimbursement for tutors for transportation, hiring personal drivers, etc would create inclusive rules around ESA and allowable transportation costs.
 - 144 We need a detailed and accurate handbook and an allowed expenses list that is up to date and reflects what has been approved.
I hope the wait times will reduce but this issue has highlighted the inequities in the program with the debit card being highly restrictive (I have been unable to use it on books, curriculum, audio books, and subscription boxes in the past month) and concierge having been removed. Reimbursement was already a luxury for many and with wait times at a month or more, it's completely out of reach now. Also, the regular process of submitting invoices through Class Wallet is also not working acceptably as many vendors are waiting on approvals and payments for over a month and orders are being canceled due to price changes or going out of stock. We need a process for adding MCC codes and for families to utilize their funds without reimbursement being the only valid option in many cases.
 - 145 Thank you for this opportunity for feedback.
 - 146 The MCC codes need to be expanded or the concierge service needs to be brought back.
 - 147 We all deal with different issues. When more options open up it's a huge help for some of us.
 - 149 In Feb 2022, parents were required to repay expenses that ADE had reviewed for preapproval and reviewed again to authorized reimbursement. Please revise the last sentence of R7-2-1507.C so parents are NOT entrapped for mistakes by staff at ADE.
 - 150 In Feb 2022, parents were required to repay expenses that ADE had reviewed for preapproval and reviewed again to authorized reimbursement. Please revise R7-2-1507.C so parents are NOT entrapped for mistakes by staff at ADE.
 - 151 Please protect account holders from being forced to repay expenses that ADE has reviewed and approved multiple times both prior to and after purchase is made. Account holders need financial confidence
- 152 -
312 161 blank comments