



NEW 2024-25 FES-UA PURCHASING GUIDELINES

As of July 1, 2024, the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities (FES-UA) Purchasing Guide was updated for the 2024-25 school year. Here's a breakdown of what is new in the guide.

What's new for you?

| New items or services for purchase by our scholarship families | New items or services that require pre-authorization | New items or services that require the Educational Benefit Form (EBF) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell phones • Smart watches • Specialized or sport specific footwear • Other At-Home Classroom Furnishings & equipment that supports student learning needs • Switches and other periphery devices unique to a student's needs • Nintendo Wii © equipment or similar movement-based platforms • Musical instrument tuning, insurance, or service agreements and repair • Day educational camps • At-Home classroom furniture, projectors, P.E. equipment, and elective equipment may be eligible sooner than once every two (2) years with pre-authorization <p>Educational Software and Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video/TV/online streaming services • Musical streaming services • In-game purchases or credits • Live television • Social Media • Family or Multi-User software subscriptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple of a single At-Home Classroom Furnishings item that exceeds \$50 • Multiple of a single elective item that exceeds \$50 • Televisions over 55 inches • Curriculum that is not publicly available • Day educational camps • At-Home Classroom Furnishings, projectors, P.E. equipment, and elective equipment may be eligible sooner than once every two (2) years with a pre-authorization • Fees associated with standardized testing or examinations not listed in the handbook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tools related to postsecondary transition goals or career plans • Video/TV/online streaming services • Musical streaming services • In-game purchases or credits • Live television • Social media (except LinkedIn Learning for Students) • Family or multi-user software subscriptions |

*The **Educational Benefit Form** is a document required for certain items or services, that has the parent/guardian provide a brief description of how the requested item or service will help their student learn through an educational benefit. [Click here](#) to access the form.

Parents/guardians [may provide feedback here](#) about the FES-UA Purchasing Guide.

Things to keep in mind

- Submitting reimbursements for newly eligible items prematurely may cause processing delays or denial of the reimbursement, while updates are made to the systems and processes. Families will be notified when they may begin submitting reimbursements for these newly eligible items.
- FES-UA families may submit reimbursements for any previously eligible items that remain eligible in the 2024-25 FES-UA Purchasing Guide.
- The Pre-Authorization request feature is currently unavailable. This feature is being updated for the 2024-25 school year. Once updated and available for use, Step Up will notify FES-UA families when they may begin submitting Pre-Authorizations. There is no exact date when families may begin this process, so please check your email for updates.