

Students with disabilities and their families may be eligible to receive non-educational community based support services paid for by public funds, also known as “non-ed funds”.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is responsible for establishing procedures and criteria for the allocation of non-ed funds to open-enrollment charter schools for the provision of non-educational community-based support services to certain students with disabilities and their families so that those students may receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment. (TEC §29.013(a))

It is the policy of Universal Academy open-enrollment charter school to use funds allocated under TEC §29.013 are used only for eligible students with disabilities who would remain or would have to be placed in residential facilities primarily for educational reasons without the provision of non-educational community-based support services. (TEC §29.013(b))

The support services may include in-home family support, respite care, and case management for families with a student who otherwise would have been placed by an open-enrollment charter school in a private residential facility. (TEC §29.013(c))

The provision of services under TEC §29.013 does not supersede or limit the responsibility of other agencies to provide or pay for costs of noneducational community-based support services to enable any student with disabilities to receive a FAPE in the least restrictive environment. Specifically, services provided under TEC §29.013 may not be used for a student with disabilities who is currently placed or who needs to be placed in a residential facility primarily for non-educational reasons. Funds cannot be used to cover services already required through the student’s individual education program or for long-term care.
(TEC §29.013(d))

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For more information about allowable and unallowable expenditures, you can access a copy of the TEA approved list at the Educational Service Center for Region 10 website <http://goo.gl/EbCUJd>.

Special Education director will work with a student's family to fill out an application for non-educational funds. A copy of the application can be found at the Educational Service Center for Region 10 website <http://goo.gl/WHndzE>. Each school year funds are made available for services received between September 1 and August 31.