

# Student Aid Fund for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.)

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## Providing Essential Support When Students Need It Most

Unexpected hardships can create significant barriers to a student's ability to learn, participate, and thrive in school. For students with disabilities, these challenges can have an even greater impact on their health, independence, and educational success.

The Special Education Foundation's Student Aid Fund for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) provides timely assistance to students served by the Special School District (SSD) when urgent needs arise, and families have exhausted available resources or are unable to meet the financial burden on their own.

# Types of Support Available

S.A.F.E. may provide assistance for:

- Incontinence supplies for children and adults when Medicaid or private insurance benefits have been exhausted
- Prescription medications for students who are uninsured, underinsured, or awaiting insurance coverage
- Nutritious food assistance during times of crisis, when access to healthy food is limited
- Necessities, including shoes, socks, undergarments, hygiene products, coats, gloves, and hats
- Emergency supports that help students maintain their health, independence, and ability to participate in school

## How It Works

- Applications may be submitted year-round by a social worker, teacher, administrator, or other authorized school professional.
- Requests are reviewed based on the urgency of the need, financial circumstances of the family, available documentation, and confirmation that other community resources have been explored or exhausted.
- Approved requests receive assistance as quickly as possible to help address the immediate need and minimize disruption to the student's education.



Learn more about the Student Aid Fund for Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) program and how to apply.

