



June 13, 2024

RE: Education Department Program Updates – Effective July 01, 2024

The Education Department's Early Education and K-12 Programs have had Tribal Council approved policy changes. Additionally, in early May 2024 the Tribal Council approved termination of the Tribal State of Emergency previously in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The termination of the State of Emergency has resulted in the end of some state of emergency program allowances. Please review the below carefully in preparation of the new academic year.

The termination of the Tribal State of Emergency has effective ended the below effective July 01, 2024.

1. Homeschooling and tutoring are no longer eligible expenses for Early Education.
2. Recreational summer camps are not eligible under any Education program and must go through TCR, only summer school, summer camps run by the school or district, or camps that have an educational curriculum associated with them will be eligible under Education.

The following additional policy changes have been approved by the Tribal Council effective July 01, 2024.

1. Early Education: Regularly scheduled educational enrichment classes (i.e.. Mommy and Me) are eligible for child under preschool age (under 4).
2. Early Education: School lunch programs are now an eligible expense.
3. Early Education: The Tribal Council has approved an extension until June 30, 2025 to support after school or extracurricular activities i.e.. Swim, dance, gymnastics, equestrian, music, private sport clubs etc.; up to \$3,000 USD of a child's benefit can be used towards these activities. This was previously a State of Emergency allowance.
3. Early Education: The following have been identified as ineligible homeschooling, tutoring, therapies, medical equipment, or other medical services of any kind please contact PRC.
4. K-12: Homeschool is no longer an eligible expense, it will operate under its own policy an update will be sent out directly to families who utilize homeschooling.
5. K-12: The Tribal Council has approved an extension until June 30, 2025 to support after school or extracurricular activities i.e.. Swim, dance, gymnastics, equestrian, music, private sport clubs etc. Up to \$3,000 of a child's benefit can be used towards these activities. This was previously a State of Emergency allowance.
6. K-12: There is no longer an age restriction on the program of under 18. The program will continue to serve a student until they graduate. For a student with an IEP or 504 plan in place with their school is eligible to continue to receive services under this program into adulthood until the school district has certified completion of required high school courses.
7. K-12: IEP and 504 Plans -The program will provide assistance as needed with expenses associated with development of an IEP or 504 plan if the expense is not covered by the school/district. Expenses associated with implementation of an IEP, or 504 plan should be covered by State/district resources if an expenses is recommended and not being covered a letter from the school advising of the need will be required for reimbursement.



8. K-12: Covers testing fees for SAT, ACT, driver's education, college application fees, etc.
9. K-12: school lunch program fees are an eligible expense.
10. K-12: The program continues to allow students to use up to \$1500 USD of the overall benefit towards technology supplies required by their school (a student is eligible to replace a piece of equipment every three years).
11. K-12: The following have been deemed ineligible therapy of any kind (speech, sensory deprivation, behavioral etc.) must go through PRC or insurance, internet services, cell services, geek squad / repair fees for technology.

Reminders:

1. The Academic year ends on June 30, 2024 please ensure any expense/receipts you have from the 2023-2024 school year are turned in prior to the end of the benefit cycle.
2. On July 01, 2024 all Education benefit reset, the Early Education and K-12 programs will have new applications. These applications will be live on the Tribe's website starting June 30, 2024, the department will be unable to accept old copies of the application.
3. The Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) Grant Program sent out program updates for early education preschool and K-prep students who live in King, Pierce, or Snohomish County you must apply to use grant funding first ahead of the Tribe's Early Education program.
4. The General Welfare Childcare Program will not be able to provide assistance to homeschool students unless all parents/caregivers work non-traditional hours.

Thank you for your consideration we look forward to continuing to serve your family in the coming year,

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