

# Blessed Christmas and Blessed New Year



## Bendecida Navidad y Año Nuevo

As the calendar turns to a new year, it's a season filled with hope, reflection, and anticipation for what lies ahead. Beloved St. Gregory's community and school family: On behalf of our Church staff, volunteers and our principal, we wish you the best year of your life. The Bible reminds us that God is always at work, bringing renewal and transformation into our lives. Embracing a fresh start means stepping out even when the future seems uncertain. Hebrews 11:1 reminds us that faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Time is a gift, spend it wisely this year.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. May God Bless you all.

**Noelia and Max Saavedra, Ana and Don Cortez, Dcn. Bernard and Maria Koh, Dcn. Fred and Delma Campos, Dcn. John Treviño, Terri and Victor Longoria, Ezekiel O'Campo, Martita Tamayo, Viani Flores, Maria Elena Padilla, Martha Guajardo, Elvira Cervantes, Terri Curtis, Fr. Richard and Puma.**

**Not in the Picture: Linda Treviño, Gloria and Art Silva, Dcn. Carlos and Margaret Cerna and Sylvia Bogran.**

A medida que el calendario da paso a un nuevo año, es una temporada llena de esperanza, reflexión y anticipación por lo que está por venir. Querida comunidad y familia escolar de San Gregorio: En nombre del personal de nuestra iglesia, voluntarios y nuestra directora, les deseamos el mejor año de su vida. La Biblia nos recuerda que Dios siempre nos acompaña, trayendo renovación y transformación a nuestras vidas.

Abrazar un nuevo comienzo significa dar un paso adelante incluso cuando el futuro parece incierto. Hebreos 11:1 nos recuerda que la fe es confianza en lo que esperamos y seguridad en lo que no vemos. El tiempo es un regalo, úsalo sabiamente este año. Recuerda que el ayer es historia, mañana es un misterio, hoy es un regalo. Que Dios les bendiga a todos .

# We are St. Gregory

**Welcome to Our Parish and School:** Join us as we Proclaim the Word of God, Celebrate the Eucharist, and Serve the local community. We believe in the power of the Gospel, the beauty in celebrating Mass together, and the commitment to love and support our neighbors, especially those in need.

Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia y escuela: Únase a nosotros mientras proclamamos la Palabra de Dios, celebramos la Eucaristía y servimos a la comunidad local. Creemos en el poder del Evangelio, en la belleza de celebrar la Misa juntos y en el compromiso de amar y apoyar a nuestro prójimo, especialmente a los necesitados.

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the community of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, gather as God's people in faith to share in the redeeming mission of Christ the Lord. Our community is integrated by persons from different backgrounds and cultures which enrich its life and give witness to the Gospel message. We witness collectively through the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and individually, through personal prayer and living the gospel in our lives.

This faith community, including inactive members, is called by the Lord to develop a closer relationship with Christ, to grow in faith and attain Christian maturity through education and service, and to open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit who sends us to proclaim the good news to the poor by responding to their multiple needs.

Thus, we strive to live what Jesus said: *"I give you a new commandment: To love one another, as I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13:34-35

The Mission of St. Gregory is to be a community of prayer, service and stewardship leading each other closer to Christ.

## ARE YOU AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF ST. GREGORY'S? ARE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH?



Parish Registration on line [www.stgregorys.net](http://www.stgregorys.net) or come to the Office. **Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?** Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who get married and/or have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like registering your child for religious education, scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. If you are not registered yet...please consider it and become a new member of our family.



**Dear visitors and St. Gregory's family:**

**Welcome to our Church and School:**

We clergy, Church and School staff, send warm and hearty greetings to you! We couldn't be more delighted to welcome you into our blessed family, and we truly appreciate your decision to fellowship with us. God's House, our church, stands as a beacon of love, hope, and faith, dedicated to providing spiritual nourishment and godly fellowship to all who seek

it. Symbolizing the open arms of God, our church is a home for everyone, regardless of where they come from or their journey so far. Your presence is a blessing to us, and we hope that our church will become a place of solace and spiritual growth for you. Our vision for God's House is to create an environment where love thrives, faith is strengthened, and lives are positively transformed. We believe we are in great days to be serving Jesus, with even greater ahead! I hope that you found our time together inspiring, meaningful, challenging and perhaps even a little fun. We certainly enjoyed having you with us. **On behalf of Ana Cortez school principal and myself the pastor...have a blessed week.**

**Bienvenidos a todos a nuestra parroquia, estamos muy felices de que asistan a nuestras celebraciones y esperamos que formes parte de nuestra familia. Te deseamos una bendecida semana.**

## MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

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**Parish Pastoral Council: Members:** Mónica Flores - Chairperson; Adela Segura - Vice-Chair; Augie Morales; Christine Tejeda - Secretary; Jesse Tello, Gilbert Segura; Mike Urrutia.

**Ex-Officio:** Fr Richard Samour - Pastor; Ezekiel O'Campo, Gloria Silva, Martha Guajardo, Deacon John Trevino; and Dcn. Carlos Cerna.



### MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES

Saturday, December 27—5:30pm Mass

† Oralia Abreu  
† Janice Neugebauer  
Special Intention for Sister Catherine Gleitz PBVM  
Divine Mercy Cenacle

Sunday, December 28— 8:00 Mass

† Mary “Kotsy” Tschirhart  
† Cruz Arizmendi, Jr.  
Special Intention for Sister Wiona Engel PBVM  
Misa Pro Populo

10:00am Mass

† Celso Cuellar  
† Raul Contreras  
Deceased members of the Davis & Freeman families  
Guadalupanos

12:00pm - Misa en Español

† Por las almas santas en el Purgatorio

4:00 Mass— For all the Youth of St. Gregory the Great

Monday, December 29—8:15 Mass and Morning Prayer

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 30—8:15 Mass and Morning Prayer

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 31-

See the Bulletin for more information

† Claudio M. Maldonado, Jr.

6:30 PM Vigil Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God English Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 English Mass

12:00 Misa en Español

Vocaciones a la vida Religiosa y al Sacerdicio

Friday, January 2:- 8:15 Mass

†Fr Mike Horan

Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Readings for Week of December 29, 2025 Feast of the Holy Family

- Monday 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35  
*[Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]*
- Tuesday 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Wednesday 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18  
*[Saint Sylvester I, Pope]*
- Thursday **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God [Holyday of Obligation]**  
Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;  
Luke 2:16-21
- Friday 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28  
*[Memorial Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church]*
- Saturday 1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34  
*[The Most Holy Name of Jesus]*
- Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity**  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12

### MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Tuesday, December 30 (Office Closed)
- Wednesday, December 31 (Office Closed)
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- 8:15 am - English Mass
- 12:15 pm - Bilingual Mass
- 6:30 pm - English vigil Mass
- Thursday, January 1 (Office Closed)
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- 10:00 am - English Mass
- 12:00 pm - Misa en Español
- Friday, January 2 (Office Closed)
- 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Adoration - Church
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Confessions - Church
- Saturday, January 3
- 7:30 am - 9:30 am - Fishers of Men - StJ Rm
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - St. Vincent De Paul Pantry - Mary's House

### ADORATION CHAPEL/CAPILLA DE ADORACION



### ADORATION

- Monday-Thursday: 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Fridays: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Adoration Resumes in the Church until 6:30 PM
- Saturdays: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

EVERY SUNDAY—ENGLISH MASS  
ROSARY 3:30PM; MASS 4:00PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.  
PLEASE CONTACT ADELA SEGURA**

# ST. GREGORY THE GREAT'S PARISH AND SCHOOL LIFE

## NEW YEAR MASS AND OFFICE SCHEDULE



### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 LAST DAY OF THE YEAR**

8:15am - English Mass.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD.**

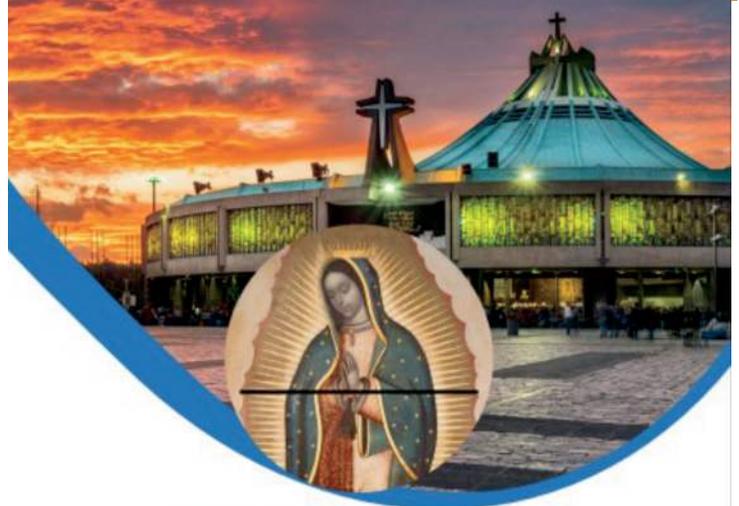
6:30pm - Vigil English Mass.

(Wednesday, December 31)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026**

10:00am - English; Noon Español. (Church)

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO—BASILICA DE GUADALUPE



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### FAITH FORMATION

#### FAITH FORMATION:

Movie Night for high school youth on Monday,  
Dec. 29 at 6:30–8:30pm in the office youth room.  
Please call Gloria Silva for more information



There will be no Faith Formation classes  
and Children Liturgy of the Word Sunday,  
Dec. 28. Students return to class on Sun-  
day, Jan. 4, 2026



**We wish you a blessed New Year!!! May God Bless you all**

## HOLY DAYS OFFICE HOURS

WE WILL BE CLOSED: FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23  
AT 12:30PM-SUNDAY 28.

WE WILL CLOSE FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30  
'TILL SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026.

Office will be closed but the mass, adoration and  
confession schedule will be in the regular schedule.

## New Year RESOLUTIONS 2026 - 2040

1. Increase your Marian devotion joining the Prayer of the Holy Rosary before mass at St. Gregorys including adoration.
2. Pray the Holy Rosary or meditate a Scripture with the entire family once a week.
3. Lose weight, workout and cleanse your Soul through the sacrament of confession. Every month as part of your prayer routine.
4. Less time with electronic devices and more family / Church time.
5. Joining English Bible Study, and/or serving in any of the Church ministries for ex. Guadalupe and Altar Societies, Lectors, etc...
6. **BONUS:** Walk Puma and help Father not to stress too much.

**MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
6:30PM - VIGIL ENGLISH MASS.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026  
10:00AM - ENGLISH; NOON ESPAÑOL.**



**Theotokos  
SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

January 1st

**SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA MADRE DE DIOS**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom she had circumcised on the eighth day after his birth in accordance with Levitical Law. Christians see him as the Lord and Son of God.

It is celebrated by the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church on 1 January, the Octave (8th) day of Christmas.

This solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation in areas that have not abrogated it. Christians of Byzantine, West Syriac, and East Syriac Rites celebrate Mary as the Mother of God on 26 December (also known as the Synaxis of the Theotokos), while the Coptic Church (an Oriental Orthodox church) does so on 16 January.

The Eastern Orthodox Church, Traditional Catholics, Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Church observe the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ on 1 January.

In the Traditional Catholic calendar and Western Rite Vicariate of the Antiochian Orthodox Church is a feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 11 October.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

The feast is a celebration of Mary being the mother of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a literal translation of the Latin title *Mater Dei*, which in turn is a rendering of the Greek title **Θεοτόκος (Theotokos)**, meaning "Bearer of God" dogmatically adopted by the First Council of Ephesus (431) as an assertion of the divinity of Christ.

**HISTORY**

The title "Mother of God" goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term **Theotokos ("The God-bearer")** was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. At the end of the Council of Ephesus, crowds of people marched through the streets shouting: "**Praised be the Theotokos!**"

This Catholic doctrine is based on the doctrine of Incarnation, as expressed by St. Paul: "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4).n and called 1 January simply the "Octave of the Nativity".

**THE PRAYER, AVE MARIS STELLA.**

Hail bright star of ocean, God's own Mother blest, Ever sinless Virgin, Gate of heavenly rest Taking that sweet Ave Which from Gabriel came, Peace confirm within us, Changing Eva's name. Break the captives' fetters, Light on blindness pour, All our ills expelling, Every bliss implore. Show thyself a Mother; May the Word Divine, Born for us thy Infant, Hear our prayers through thine Virgin all excelling, Mildest of the mild, Freed from guilt, preserve us, Pure and undefiled. Keep our life all spotless, Make our way secure, Till we find in Jesus Joy for evermore Through the highest heaven To the Almighty Three Father, Son, and Spirit One same glory be, Amen.

La Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, es un día festivo de la Santísima Virgen María bajo el aspecto de su maternidad de Jesucristo, a quien hizo circuncidar al octavo día después de su nacimiento conforme a la Ley Levítica. Los cristianos la ven como el Señor el Hijo de Dios.

Se celebra por el Rito Romano de la Iglesia Católica el 1 de enero, el octavo día de Navidad. Esta solemnidad es un día sagrado de obligación en las zonas que no la han derogado. Los cristianos de los ritos bizantino, siríaco occidental y siríaco oriental celebran a María como la Madre de Dios el 26 de diciembre (también conocida como la Sinaxis de la **Theotokos**), mientras que la Iglesia Copta (una iglesia ortodoxa oriental) lo hace el 16 de enero.

La Iglesia Ortodoxa Oriental, los Católicos Tradicionales, la Comunión Anglicana y la Iglesia Luterana celebran la Fiesta de la Circuncisión de Cristo el 1 de enero.

En el calendario católico tradicional y el vicariato de rito occidental de la Iglesia Ortodoxa Antioquena se celebra la fiesta de la Maternidad de la Santísima Virgen María el 11 de octubre.

**IMPORTANCIA**

La fiesta es una celebración de María como madre de Jesús. El título inglés "Mother of God" es una traducción literal del título latino *Mater Dei*, que a su vez es una traducción del título griego **Θεοτόκος (Theotokos)**, que significa "Portador de Dios" adoptado dogmáticamente por el Primer Concilio de Éfeso (431) como afirmación de la divinidad de Cristo. **HISTORIA**

El título de "Madre de Dios" se remonta al siglo III o IV, pero el término griego **Theotokos ("La portadora de Dios")** fue consagrado oficialmente como doctrina católica en el Concilio de Éfeso en 431, convirtiéndose así en el primer dogma mariano. Al final del Concilio de Éfeso, multitudes de personas marcharon por las calles gritando: "**¡Alabada sea la Theotokos!**" Esta doctrina católica se basa en la doctrina de la Encarnación, expresada por San Pablo: "Dios envió a su Hijo, nacido de mujer, nacida bajo la ley" (Gálatas 4:4) y llamado 1 de enero simplemente la "Octava de la Natividad".

**ORACION SALVE MARIA ESTRELLA DEL MAR**

Salve, estrella del mar, Madre santa de Dios y siempre Virgen, feliz puerta del cielo. Aceptando aquel «Ave» de la boca de Gabriel, afiánzanos en la paz al trocar el nombre de Eva. Desata las ataduras de los reos, da luz a quienes no ven, ahuyenta nuestros males, pide para nosotros todos los bienes. Muestra que eres nuestra Madre, que por ti acoja nuestras súplicas Quien nació por nosotros, tomando el ser de ti. Virgen singular, dulce como ninguna, líbranos de la culpa, haznos dóciles y castos. Facilitanos una vida pura, prepáranos un camino seguro, para que viendo a Jesús, nos podamos alegrar para siempre contigo. Alabemos a Dios Padre, glorifiquemos a Cristo soberano y al Espíritu Santo, y demos a las Tres personas un mismo honor. Amén.

# ST GREGORY CHURCH AND SCHOOL



**FEB 4TH 2026**  
Applications open

**MID MARCH 2026**  
Expected Application Close Date

# A GUIDE TO TEFA FOR FAMILIES



Senate Bill 2 established TEFA to help families access funds for approved educational expenses starting in 2026–27. With final rules released on November 25, 2025, families now have clarity on how the program will work.

## ELIGIBILITY

Any Texas resident **eligible for public school (PK–12)** may apply.

This includes:

- Children entering PK3–PK4 who meet Texas eligibility
- Students currently in public, private, or homeschool settings
- Students with TEFA qualifying disabilities

There is no income limit to apply, but awards are offered based on State priority groups.

## PRIORITY GROUPS BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

<b>1</b>	<b>≤ 500% +</b> Children with disabilities	<b>≤ 200%</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>200% – 500%</b>	<b>≥ 500%</b> (20% cap of total awards) <small>*Public School students may have priority in this group.</small>	<b>4</b>

## FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPG Yearly Income	500% of FPG Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
3	\$53,300	\$133,250
4	\$64,300	\$160,750
5	\$75,300	\$188,250
6	\$83,920	\$215,750
7	\$108,300	\$270,750

## ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Tuition/Fees	Books/Materials	Tutoring	Therapies	Meals	Assessments	Technology	Transportation
Participating Private Schools			Therapies not covered by government or private insurance.	Provided at school for a fee		10% Cap	Commercial Only
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

**\$10,800\***

Award per student (85% of public funding).

Additional funding may be awarded based on a student's IEP for disabilities - up to \$30,000.

\*TEA currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2026.

**PARENT:** As defined by Education Code, §28.35(5), a resident of this state who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child.

## PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Families must:

- Use funds only for approved expenses
- Not withdraw cash or request reimbursement
- Keep receipts
- Ensure annual testing (Grades 3–12)
- Report public school enrollment
- Follow all TEFA rules

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Choose **ONE** item from each column.

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   |
| Proof of Residency   | Proof of Citizenship  | Proof of Income  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lease, mortgage, or utility bill</li> <li>• Texas ID/driver's license</li> <li>• Voter registration</li> <li>• Government agency letter</li> <li>• Notarized affidavit</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth certificate</li> <li>• U.S. passport</li> <li>• Naturalization certificate</li> <li>• DHS documents</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IRS transcript (if available)</li> <li>• Most recent tax return (2024)</li> <li>• Texas Workforce Commission income data</li> </ul> |

## WHAT IF FUNDS RUN OUT?

If funds run out, eligible students go on a state waitlist.

If more funds become available, awards may be offered mid-year, prorated, and begin the month after approval.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

When applications open on the Texas Comptroller Website, you will apply and select one approved school. Upon completion, eligibility will be determined. Awarding is expected to go out mid-April. If your child is selected, you'll receive instructions to accept the award in the TEFA portal. Your child's TEFA account is then created so you can choose approved schools, providers, and services.



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# A GUIDE TO TEFA

PRE-K, Siblings & Students with Disabilities



## PRIORITY GROUP #1

BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

**≤ 500% +**  
Children with qualifying disabilities

## FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPG Yearly Income	500% of FPG Yearly Income
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**\$10,800\* - \$30,000**

Award per student (85% of public funding).  
Additional IEP-based funding for disabilities-  
up to \$30,000 total.

\*TEA currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2026.

## PRE-K ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PK ages 3-5 qualify if they meet Texas public PK eligibility criteria (emergent bilingual, economically disadvantaged, homeless, military, foster, child of district employee, or Star of Texas).

## TEFA QUALIFYING DISABILITIES EXPLAINED

A student with special needs (Tier 1) is defined as a child age 21 or younger with a disability listed in Texas Education Code §29.003 that requires special services to be adequately or safely educated in a public school. Eligible conditions include visual or auditory impairment, physical disability, intellectual or developmental disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech disability, or traumatic brain injury.

## SIBLING PRIORITY

Siblings as defined by Education Code, §29.351(9), are: A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or a foster brother or sister who is a dependent of the participating parent and has been placed with the participating parent by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree, or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

One of the following documents is needed to prove a child with disabilities:

- A letter verifying the child's eligibility to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or
- A written diagnosis from a licensed physician verifying one of the listed disabilities, or
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) issued by a Texas public school district or open-enrollment charter school.

## IMPORTANT:

A licensed professional evaluation can place your child in the top priority group, but the state can only calculate additional disability-based funding if your child has an IEP.

Families without an IEP will still be reviewed in the disability priority group but may receive the standard ESA funding amount.



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