

CCIP Note #476

Re: Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Services and Assistance

Date: June 25, 2021

To: ESC Superintendents, Treasurers, and Funding Application Contacts, Nonpublic Principals, Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Program

As part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021, (CRRSA Act) Public Law 116-260, Congress set aside \$2.75 billion of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund specifically to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in nonpublic schools through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program.

The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers in the state.

On February 5th, 2021, Governor DeWine submitted a signed certification and agreement for Ohio's EANS award. Ohio received an EANS award of **\$154,896,274**. The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is responsible for the administration of the EANS program.

Preparation for EANS Services and Assistance

In March, eligible nonpublic schools applied to receive services and assistance through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program. Details of this process can be found in [CCIP Note 466](#).

In May, the Ohio Department of Education released EANS Service Amounts for nonpublic schools that completed an EANS application. Details of this process can be found in [CCIP Note 469](#).

The Ohio Department of Education contracted with Education Service Centers (ESCs) across Ohio to provide EANS services and assistance to nonpublic schools that received an EANS Final Service Amount.

EANS Final Service Amounts have been updated to adjust for changes to eligible nonpublic schools and EANS administrative costs. The EANS Final Service Amounts for each nonpublic school and listing of the ESC providing services can be found [here](#).

EANS Services and Assistance

In early July, Education Service Centers will consult with the nonpublic schools for which they are contracted to provide EANS services and assistance. The Ohio Department of Education has provided the nonpublic school EANS applications to contracted ESCs. Nonpublic schools may request changes to the EANS services listed on the EANS application. Through consultation, the ESC will determine the means, method, manner, and process of delivering EANS services and assistance.

Nonpublic schools may request *reimbursement* through the ESC for certain expenses they incurred or will incur that are allowable in the EANS program. A nonpublic school may be reimbursed only for expenses from the list below that the school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, that have not already been reimbursed with Federal funds, including PPP. Reimbursable expenses include:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
- Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- Educational technology
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs

Some EANS services and assistance are not reimbursable. These EANS services and assistance must instead be provided by the ESC or supplemental provider. EANS services and assistance that are allowable but may not be reimbursed include:

- Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.
- Staff training and professional development on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.
- Developing instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.
- Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) prior to December 27, 2020.

The ESC will ultimately be responsible for determining the method, manner, and process for providing EANS services and assistance on behalf of the Department.

The ESC will provide EANS services and assistance up to the EANS Final Service Amount for each nonpublic school for which it has been contracted to provide services by September 30, 2023. The services rendered will not exceed the EANS final service amount for the school.

Further guidance on EANS services and assistance can be found in our [EANS Services and Assistance Guide](#).

EANS Webinars

The Office of Federal Programs is hosting the following webinars on the EANS services and assistance process:

Training:	Date and Time:
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Services Webinar – ESCs	Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 9:00am-10:00am
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Services Webinar – Nonpublic Schools	Thursday, June 24, 2021, 9:00am-10:00am
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Services Webinar – ESCs	Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Services Webinar – Nonpublic Schools	Wednesday, June 30, 2021, 1:00pm-2:00pm

EANS trainings will cover the following topics:

- ESC role in providing EANS services and assistance to nonpublic schools
- The consultation process between the ESC and the nonpublic school
- EANS applications, EANS assurances, changes since the application and provision of EANS services and assistance

- Allowable EANS services and assistance, including reimbursable and non-reimbursable allowable service categories and the process for reimbursement
- Uniform guidance, service period, and other important EANS details
- Questions and next steps

EANS sessions will be recorded and posted to the CCIP Document Library within the CRRSA Act, EANS folder. Individuals are encouraged to attend the session tailored for their organization type but are welcome to attend any of the trainings above. For nonpublic schools that do not have access to STARS, or if you need support to register, please email eans@education.ohio.gov.

EANS Timeline

- EANS Final Service Amounts were provided on April 1, 2021, and updated to adjust for changes to eligible nonpublic schools and EANS administrative costs on June 18, 2021.
- ESCs will begin consulting with nonpublic schools and providing EANS services and assistance on July 1, 2021.
- Nonpublic schools may request and receive EANS services and assistance through the ESCs from July 1, 2021 throughout the EANS period of availability until September 30, 2023.

Resources

- [EANS Final Service Amounts](#)
- [EANS Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [EANS Services and Assistance Guide](#)
- [EANS Services and Assistance Webinar](#)
- [US Department of Education EANS Resources](#)

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact EANS@education.ohio.gov.