



American Rescue Plan Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (ARP- EANS)

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Purpose and Goal

- The purpose of this technical assistance session is to provide preemptive guidance on the second round of the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program as authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act).
- The goal of this session is to provide interested parties with an understanding of the ARP/EANS funds, fund requirements, and the application processes that the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will use to administer these funds.



Background

- The ARP Act extends the EANS program that is currently being administered.
- The U.S. Department of Education has provided states \$2.75 billion in assistance under the ARP/EANS program, as part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund .
- Florida has been allocated just over \$221 million to provide assistance to non-public, not-for-profit schools who continue to be affected by the pandemic.



Private School Eligibility

- Must be established as a not-for-profit entity; for-profit private schools are ineligible.
- Must have been in existence prior to March 13, 2020.
- Must be licensed, accredited, or otherwise approved to operate in accordance with state law.
- Must be registered as a private school with the FDOE and be located in Florida.
- Did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37)) on or after December 27, 2020.



Required Application Data

- The first round of EANS funding asked schools to provide the number or estimated number of low-income students enrolled in its school for the 2019-20 school year along with the total student population.
- With the ARP/EANS application, you will be able to report either 2019-20 or 2020-21 data, and in turn, the application will automatically calculate your school's percentage of low income based on your input.
- Additionally, for this new round of funding, the requirement will be that your school meet or exceed the 40% threshold of low income students.

Required Application Data Continued

- The ARP/EANS application will also ask that you attest that your school didn't receive funding through the Paycheck Protection Program after December 27, 2020.

Additional Application Data

- The ARP/EANS school application will also assist your application process in showing evidence that factors related to COVID-19 have impacted your business through the exchange of information on the Florida's Department of Health website. Based on your school's county, the application will pull data related to the number of COVID-19 infections per capita in your community.



Additional Application Data Continued

- As seen on Slide 5, the ARP/EANS school application will take into consideration your reported school wide enrollment as well as your reported numbers of low income students to calculate your percentage of low income.
- And as seen on slide 7, the exchange of information related to the Department of Health statistics will consider the positivity rate of infection in your county as a mitigating factor of impact.



EANS Funding Categories

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
- Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
- 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



EANS Funding Categories Continued

- Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
- Educational technology
- Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
- Reasonable transportation costs
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss



Funding Categories – General

- Of those 12 funding categories for allowable uses of the funds, be mindful that:
 - Costs must be:
 - Allowable – i.e., fit into one of allowable categories,
 - Reasonable – i.e., what a prudent person would pay for the item, and
 - Necessary – i.e., as a result of the ongoing impact of COVID-19
 - Staff salaries and fringe costs are not reimbursable.
 - Ownership for any materials, equipment, or property must transfer to the Florida Department of Education. *



Funding Categories – General

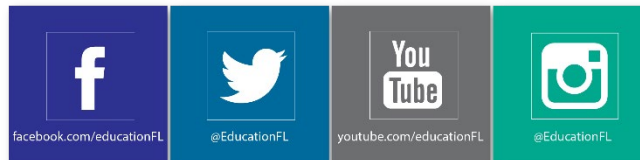
* Equipment and supplies purchased with ARP/EANS funds for students and teachers in a non-public school may be used for the authorized purposes of the ARP/EANS program during the period of performance (which in this case is September 30, 2024) OR until the equipment and supplies are no longer needed for the purposes of the ARP/EANS program.



Questions regarding ARP-EANS policies, guidelines, funding eligibility and more will be directed to a new email site. Once the application becomes available on October 25th, please use ARP-EANS@fldoe.org for program questions.



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