Ohio | Department of Education

CCIP Note #466

Re: Application Available to Nonpublic Schools for Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Program
Date: March 4, 2021
To: Nonpublic Principals, Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Public Consolidated 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.

Application Available to Nonpublic Schools for EANS Program

Eligible nonpublic schools must submit an application to receive services or assistance through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program.

A PDF template of Ohio's EANS application can be found HERE.

Nonpublic school principals will receive an email on March 4, 2021 from the following address: donotreply@ohio-k12.help. The email will contain a link to the EANS application.

The deadline to complete the EANS application is **March 18, 2021**.

EANS Services and Assistance
A nonpublic school may apply to receive services or assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

- 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
- 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
- Reimbursement for the expenses of any services or assistance described above that a nonpublic school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, **except for:**
  - Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.
  - Staff training and professional development on sanitization, use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.
  - Developing instructional plans, 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.

Important Considerations

- Ohio will utilize a Weighted Per Pupil Approach to determine service amounts for nonpublic schools. The Weighted Per Pupil Approach will be derived from existing nonpublic enrollment data, low-income data, and information collected on the EANS application. Ohio's Weighted Per Pupil Approach can be found HERE.
- Schools must apply for EANS to be included in the EANS final service amounts. Estimated service amounts were provided HERE.
- The final service amounts may vary significantly from the estimated service amounts, based on the EANS applications that the Ohio Department of Education receives.
- Ohio's Weighted Per Pupil Approach is designed to prioritize low-income students and the impact that COVID-19 has had on nonpublic schools.
- The Ohio Department of Education will contract with Education Service Centers (ESCs) to provide services and assistance to EANS applicants.

Timeline

- The EANS application is released March 4, 2021.
- The application period for the EANS program runs until March 18, 2021.
- Final service amounts will be provided by early April.
- Contracts will be established with ESCs to provide services and assistance to nonpublic schools that received an EANS final service amount by early August.
- Nonpublic schools that receive an EANS final service amount will receive services and assistance through the ESCs over the period of availability of the EANS grant, which runs from March 13, 2020 to September 30, 2023.

Resources

- EANS PDF Application Template
- EANS Weighted Per Pupil Approach
- EANS Estimated Service Amounts
- US Department of Education EANS Resources

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