Ohio | Department of Education

CCIP Note #469

Re: Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) Final Service Amounts Available for Approved Nonpublic Schools
Date: April 1, 2021
To: Nonpublic School 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.

EANS Final Service Amounts Available for Approved Nonpublic Schools

The Ohio Department of Education worked with nonpublic school stakeholders to design the EANS application. The application was open for eligible nonpublic schools from March 4, 2021 to March 18, 2021. The EANS application period was extended to March 23, 2021 to ensure all eligible nonpublic schools had additional time to apply.

Eligible nonpublic schools that applied for the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program are approved to receive EANS services and assistance. This information is included on the EANS Final Service Amounts. Final determination of services and assistance is made as described below under *Next Steps to Receive EANS Services and Assistance.*

The EANS Final Service Amounts can be found HERE.

Ohio utilized a Weighted Per Pupil Approach to determine service amounts for nonpublic schools. The Weighted Per Pupil Approach is derived from existing nonpublic enrollment data, low-income data, and impact of COVID-19 information collected on the EANS application. Ohio's Weighted Per Pupil Approach is designed to prioritize low-income students and the impact that COVID-19 has had on nonpublic schools. Ohio's Weighted Per Pupil Approach can be found HERE.

Next Steps to Receive EANS Services and Assistance
The Ohio Department of Education plans to contract with Education Service Centers (ESCs) to provide services and assistance to nonpublic schools that received an EANS Final Service Amount.

The Department is hopeful to have contracts signed with the ESCs to carry out the requirements of this program on behalf of the state and provide services to the nonpublic districts by early May but no later than August 1,

2021. Once the Department and ESCs have established contracts, the ESCs taking part in this program on behalf of the Department to provide services will reach out to the nonpublic directly for an initial consultation. The consultation between the ESCs and the nonpublic schools will determine the allowable services and assistance, and method and manner of the delivery of the services to be provided prior to September 30, 2023. The services rendered must not exceed the EANS Final Service Amount for the school.

The ESC shall refer to the nonpublic school's EANS application and supporting documentation provided during consultation with the nonpublic school to determine allowable services and assistance. After consultation, the ESC will determine the method, manner and process for providing allowable services and assistance to the nonpublic school.

EANS services and assistance must address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19. The following services and assistance are allowable through EANS:

- 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.

Additional information about EANS Services and Assistance can be found on our EANS Frequently Asked Questions document, HERE.

Proposed Timeline

- Governor DeWine submitted for Ohio's EANS award on February 5, 2021.
- The Ohio Department of Education consulted with nonpublic stakeholders and developed the EANS

application throughout February 2021.
- The EANS application was released March 4, 2021.
- The application period for the EANS program ran until March 18, 2021 and was extended to March 23, 2021.
- Final service amounts were provided April 1, 2021.
- Contracts will be established with ESCs to provide services and assistance to nonpublic schools that received an EANS final service amount prior to August 1, 2021, with a target date of early May.
- 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 Final Service Amounts
- 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.