# American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (ARP EANS) Nonpublic School Service Determination Approach

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**Description**

The purpose of the ARP EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible nonpublic schools to address educational disruptions caused by the COVID-19 emergency. The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) will contract with Education Service Centers (ESCs) throughout Ohio to provide ARP EANS services and assistance that meet the needs of eligible nonpublic schools. This document describes the Department's process for determining ARP EANS Final Service Amounts.

Under the ARP Act, a nonpublic school is considered to enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families if the percentage of students from low-income families enrolled in the school meets or exceeds 40 percent. Alternatively, a State may propose an alternate significant poverty percentage based on circumstances in the State. Ohio applied for and received a significant percentage of 25 percent. Nonpublic schools in Ohio must have at least 25 percent of students from low-income families to be eligible for ARP EANS.

The Department produced a master list of eligible schools utilizing Free and Reduced Lunch data, E-Rate data, and low-income data collected on the ARP EANS Pre-Application Survey as described in CCIP Note 483. The Department also produced ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts for eligible nonpublic schools. The list of eligible schools and their ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts can be found HERE.

The ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts give eligible nonpublic schools an approximate amount of services that the school could be provided if it applies for ARP EANS. However, eligible nonpublic schools must apply for ARP EANS to receive an ARP EANS Final Service Amount.

After the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application period, the ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts will be adjusted based on the ARP EANS applications that the Ohio Department of Education receives, as well as data on the impact of COVID-19 obtained from the nonpublic schools that apply for ARP EANS. The ARP EANS Estimated Service Amount totals from nonpublic schools that did not apply for ARP EANS will be proportionally divided among ARP EANS applicants.

The Department will produce ARP EANS Final Service Amounts and inform schools by December 27, 2021. It is important to note that the ARP EANS Final Service Amounts may change significantly from the ARP EANS Estimated Service Amounts due to the factors listed above.

The EANS Final Service Amounts will be a weighted per pupil amount based on:

- Data on students from low-income families: Free and Reduced Lunch, E-Rate, or ARP EANS Pre-Application Survey data.
- Data on the impact of COVID-19: cases by county and deaths by county.
- Data obtained from nonpublic school's ARP EANS application relating to the impact of COVID-19 and requested services.

The Department's nonpublic service determination approach is designed to prioritize low-income students and the impact that COVID-19 has had on nonpublic schools.

If you have any questions or need assistance during the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application process, please email eans@education.ohio.gov.