ARP EANS Notice of Approval

December 22, 2021

Dear Nonpublic School Representative,

Your ARP EANS application has been reviewed and the nonpublic school is approved to receive ARP EANS services. The full list of nonpublic schools approved to receive ARP EANS services can be found HERE.

In January, the Department anticipates having an ARP EANS Final Service Amount for your school. The Department will communicate with your school regarding the service amount and next steps to receive services.

By April, the Department will determine which Education Service Center (ESC) will be providing services to your school. The Department will notify you with the name and contact person for the ESC contracted to provide services to your school.

By April, the Department will also offer trainings and office hours to your school to prepare for ARP EANS consultation and services.

By May, the ESC will contact your school to begin consultation. The ESC will refer to the school's ARP EANS application and may ask the school to provide further information during consultation to determine allowable services. Through consultation, the ESC will determine the method, manner and process for providing allowable services to your school. All ARP EANS services should be rendered by September 30, 2024.

If you have questions, please contact eans@education.ohio.gov.

Additional Information:

As part of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, Public Law 117-2, Congress set aside $2.75 billion to provide emergency assistance to students and teachers in nonpublic schools through the ARP EANS program. The purpose of the ARP EANS program is to provide services to eligible nonpublic schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on nonpublic school students and teachers in the state. On October 28, 2021, Ohio received the ARP EANS award of $155,190,488. The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) is responsible for the administration of the ARP EANS program.

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

Please Note: Under ARP EANS, reimbursements are prohibited for any nonpublic school (See section 2002(b) of the ARP Act). All services must be rendered by the ESC or third-party provider contracted by the ESC.

Additional information about ARP EANS services can be found on our EANS Frequently Asked Questions document, HERE. Frequently asked questions will be added for the ARP EANS program in the coming weeks.

Timeline

- The Department received its ARP EANS award on October 28, 2021.
- The Department sent the ARP EANS Nonpublic Application to eligible schools on November 23, 2021.
- The ARP EANS Nonpublic Application period closed on December 7, 2021 and was extended to December 12, 2021.
- The Department informed schools that were eligible and applied for ARP EANS that they were approved to receive ARP EANS services on December 22, 2021.
- The Department will provide ARP EANS Final Service Amounts to approved nonpublic schools in January 2022.
- The Department will announce the ESCs that will provide ARP EANS services by April 2022.
- The Department will offer trainings and office hours for nonpublic schools and ESCs to prepare for ARP EANS consultation and services by April 2022.
- Nonpublic schools will begin consultation with ESCs by May 2022.
- Nonpublic schools will receive services up to the ARP EANS Final Service Amount over the period of availability of the ARP EANS grant, which runs until September 30, 2024.

Resources

ARP EANS PDF Application Template
Schools Approved to Receive ARP EANS Services
ARP EANS Service Determination Approach
EANS Frequently Asked Questions
US Department of Education ARP EANS Resources

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