GEER II Support for Nonpublic Schools

Application Template

The Ohio Department of Education (the Department) is pleased to announce a program to support nonpublic schools impacted by COVID-19 called the *GEER II Support for Nonpublic Schools (GEER II SNS) program.* Under the GEER II SNS program, the Department will provide $26,192,054 in services to eligible nonpublic schools in Ohio. Nonpublic schools must apply to receive a GEER II SNS service amount. The GEER II SNS application can be found below.

GEER II SNS services will be prioritized to nonpublic schools that were not eligible for the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools (EANS) program due to receiving a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, as well as nonpublic schools that were not eligible for ARP EANS because of the poverty threshold requirements. Nonpublic schools that received an EANS or ARP EANS service amount are eligible to apply for this GEER program but must demonstrate additional needs beyond the service amounts received under EANS. The Department will use a weighted approach to determine GEER II SNS service amounts based on total enrollment, poverty, requested amount on the application, eligibility due to PPP, eligibility for ARP EANS, and impact of COVID-19 data.

Under the GEER II SNS program, nonpublic schools are not considered direct recipients of federal funds. Nonpublic schools that apply and are selected will receive a service amount. Services will be provided by Education Service Centers (ESCs). The Department will seek input from the participating schools regarding their preferences for ESC service providers, and the Department will contract with the ESCs who are interested in serving in this capacity. The contracted ESCs will provide services in the amount of the GEER II SNS service amount for each school.

Interested nonpublic schools must complete the GEER II SNS application below. In September, the Department will notify applicants that received a GEER II SNS service amount and provide the name and contact information for the Education Service Center (ESC) that will serve the school. All GEER II SNS services must be rendered by September 30, 2024.

Please complete and submit the application below by September 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

If you need additional guidance, please contact EANS@education.ohio.gov.

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Background Information and Certification

Name of School:	
Mailing Address (Street Number and Name, City, State, Zip Code): Email Address of Authorized Representative of the School:	
I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information in this application is true and correct. I further understand that knowingly making a false statement or misrepresentation on this application may subject me to criminal or civil penalties under applicable State and Federal laws.	
Principal of the School (Typed Name):	Telephone:
Signature of Principal of the School:	Date:

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Nonpublic School Eligibility

By **checking each box** below, I affirm that the following is true and correct regarding my school.

☐ The school requesting services or assistance is a non-profit school (see the definition here).

☐ The school requesting services or assistance is accredited, licensed, or otherwise approved to operate in accordance with State law.

☐ The school requesting services or assistance existed and operated prior to March 13, 2020.

☐ None of the services or assistance for which I am requesting support in Part D of this application have already been supported by a loan under the PPP.

☐ All services or assistance requested under EANS are additive to what was provided to the nonpublic school under a CARES, CRRSA, or ARP Act program.

☐ Funds provided under this section shall NOT be used— (A) to provide direct or indirect financial assistance to scholarship granting organizations or related entities for elementary or secondary education; or (B) to provide or support vouchers, tuition tax credit programs, education savings accounts, scholarships, scholarship programs, or tuition-assistance programs for elementary or secondary education.

☐ The nonpublic school will not submit on the application any services or assistance for which the nonpublic school already received PPP funds ESSER equitable services, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) or BroadbandOhio connectivity grant funding, services, or assistance.

☐ All services or assistance provided under this subsection, including providing equipment, materials, and any other items, shall be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.

☐ The school requesting services will ensure that it will cooperate with any examination of records with respect to such funds by making records available for inspection, production, and examination, and authorized individuals available for interview and examination, upon the request of (i) the Department and/or its Inspector General; or (ii) any other federal agency, commission, or department in the lawful exercise of its jurisdiction and authority.

☐ The school will request services that are in response to COVID-19.

☐ The school certifies that the answers herein are accurate and acknowledges that any responses that are found to be inaccurate may be grounds for the Department to determine that the school will not receive a GEER II SNS service amount.

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Nonpublic School Data

Impact of COVID-19

A percentage of the GEER II SNS service amounts may be determined using data from your school on the impact of COVID-19.

- Please provide the percentage decrease, if any, of tuition revenue in the 2019-2020 school year compared to the 2018-2019 school year.

  Note: Schools should utilize gross tuition. All grade levels in the nonpublic school should be included for the purposes of determining tuition revenue/loss. If applicable, federal and related pandemic payments, such as GEER childcare pandemic payments, should be taken into account. Schools may count uncollected tuition towards the loss when a family lost its job and was unable to pay a balanced owed. Regular scholarships used for tuition may be counted in the revenue/loss.

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- Please provide the percentage decrease, if any, in enrollment from October 2019 to October of 2020. Utilize State ADM numbers reported in the Nonpublic Data System (NPDS).

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- Did the school lack capacity during the pandemic to provide remote learning due to insufficient technological support?
  - Yes
  - No

- Did the school's students experience learning loss attributable to the disruption of instruction caused by COVID-19?
  - Yes
  - No

- Did the school receive a PPP loan that made it ineligible for EANS/ARP EANS services and/or was the school ineligible for ARP EANS due to the poverty threshold?
  - Yes
  - No

- Did your school receive services under EANS and/or ARP EANS?
  - Yes
  - No
  - If yes, What is the school's remaining level of need in response to COVID-19?
    i. High
    ii. Medium
    iii. Low
  - If medium or high is selected, please explain the school's needs below:

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- Please provide the total number of students enrolled in your nonpublic school as of October of 2022.

- Please provide the total number of students from low-income families enrolled in your school as of October 2022 (for the purposes of this program, low income would be a family at 185% of the federal poverty level or below):

Nonpublic School Services
Please describe the services that the nonpublic school would like to receive in response to COVID-19. The school may select multiple service categories. For selected service categories, provide the dollar amount and a description of the services.

Schools that were ineligible for EANS/ARP EANS due to receiving a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, or schools that were ineligible for ARP EANS due to the poverty threshold may select one or more of the following services:

- 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
- Planning and implementing activities related to summer learning and supplemental after-school programs;
- Providing mental health services and supports, including through the implementation of evidence based full-service community schools and the hiring of counselors;
- Purchasing educational technology (including hardware, software, connectivity, assistive technology, and adaptive equipment) for students that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including students from low-income families and children with disabilities;
- Addressing the needs of children from low-income families, children with disabilities, English learners, racial and ethnic minorities, students experiencing homelessness, and foster care youth; and
- Activities authorized by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, and the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006.

For all other nonpublic schools, including those that received EANS funds in a previous round but have additional needs in response to COVID-19, funds may be used to support literacy efforts aligned to the Science of Reading and Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement. Please select from the following activities:

- Purchasing high-quality instructional materials;

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- Professional development; and
- Literacy coaches
- Additional literacy efforts aligned to the Science of Reading.

Service Provider
Please indicate if the school has a preferred Education Service Center (ESC) service provider.

Special Note: *If "No Preference" is selected, the nonpublic school will be served by the ESC closest to the nonpublic school's geographic area and/or the ESC that is best positioned to meet the allowable service requests of the school. Please note that the Department reserves the right to place a nonpublic school with a different ESC service provider if necessary for successful implementation of the GEER II Support for Nonpublic Schools services.*

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