



# Final Requirements for the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program

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The Department of Education has released the Final Requirements for the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) as provided through the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

## BACKGROUND

The EANS program was first established through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (passed in January 2021) and was intended to provide funding and reimbursements for COVID-related expenses, including cleaning supplies, air purification systems, COVID-19 testing, and technology to provide distance or hybrid learning. The ARP, which passed in March 2021, appropriated an additional \$2.75 billion to the program. The Department of Education (DOE) will use the EANS program to award grants to governors who have applied and been approved for assistance to eligible non-public schools. The EANS program will be administered by the state educational agency (SEA).

## REQUIREMENTS

The ARP EANS program's requirements are the same as the requirements for the EANS provided for under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act with two exceptions:

- “(1) an SEA may only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families and are most impacted by COVID-19; and
- (2) an SEA may not use ARP EANS funds to provide reimbursements to any non-public school as authorized under section 312(d)(4)(M) of the CRRSA Act.”

To [meet the requirement](#) of “a significant percentage of low-income families,” schools must show that they “meet or exceed either 40 percent or the State’s approved alternate significant poverty percentage.” In other words, to be eligible for the EANS program, at least 40 percent of a non-public school’s enrollment [must be students](#) “aged 5 through 17 from a family whose income does not exceed 185 percent of the 2020 Federal poverty level.” To determine whether a non-public school is “most impacted by COVID-19,” an SEA must consider the number of COVID-19 deaths in the community surrounding the non-public school, the number of COVID-19 infections, the impact of “lost instructional time,” and the mental health and economic impacts of the pandemic.

## APPLICATION

Christian schools interested in participating in the EANS should contact their governor’s office to encourage the timely application for EANS funds. To receive funding from the EANS program, governors must apply to the DOE no later than September 9, 2021.

Christian schools interested in participating in the EANS could also contact the state educational agency (SEA). After the DOE has granted funds to a state, the SEA has 30 days after the receipt of funds to make applications available to non-public schools. An SEA also has 30 days after receiving an application from a non-public school to either accept or deny it.

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [AACCS COVID-19 Relief white paper](#)
- [EANS FAQ Sheet](#)
- [EANS Funding Application](#)