

**State of Rhode Island
Department of Education**

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act
Emergency Assistance to Non Public Schools (EANS II)**

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Eligibility

- A.** Be a non-public school that meets the definition of a non-public school in section 316(6) of the CRRSA Act and the eligibility requirement in section 312(d)(9) of the CRRSA Act;
- B.** A school requesting services or assistance is a non-profit school
- C.** A school requesting services or assistance is accredited, licensed or otherwise approved to operate in accordance with State law.
- D.** The school requesting services or assistance existed and operated prior to March 13, 2020, and providing instruction continuing through the current school year.
- E.** The school requesting services or assistance did not and will not apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(37)) that is made on or after December 27, 2020.

NOTE: If a non-public school applies for a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, **but does not receive funds under the PPP, the school may apply for services or assistance under the EANS program**, as long as the non-public school meets the requirements and deadlines of this application. If a non-public school applied for or received a PPP loan prior to December 27, 2020, it remains eligible for the EANS program. Similarly, if a non-public school applies for but does not receive services or assistance through EANS, nothing in the Education Stabilization Fund would preclude that non-public school from applying for and receiving a PPP loan

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2. Low-Income Criteria

A non-public school **must** enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families - the percentage of students from low-income families enrolled in such school meets or exceeds 40%. **Only** schools that meet the 40% threshold **and** can provide verifiable enrolment data to support meeting the 40% threshold are eligible to apply for ARP Funds (EANS II). Preschool children are not included.

B. Low-income Student Counts: Schools will report how many pupils in grades K-12 in the 2019-20 school year were from families with incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty threshold. To be counted as a student from a low-income family for purposes of the EANS II program, a student must be aged 5 through 17 and from a family whose income **does not exceed 185 percent of the 2020 federal poverty threshold.**

Poverty Guidelines, all states (except Alaska and Hawaii)

Household /Family Size	2020 Annual													
	50%	*100%*	125%	130%	133%	135%	138%	150%	175%	185%	200%	250%	300%	400%
1	6,380	\$12,760	15,950	16,588	16,971	17,226	17,609	19,140	22,330	23,606	25,520	31,900	38,280	51,040
2	8,620	\$17,240	21,550	22,412	22,929	23,274	23,791	25,860	30,170	31,894	34,480	43,100	51,720	68,960
3	10,860	\$21,720	27,150	28,236	28,888	29,322	29,974	32,580	38,010	40,182	43,440	54,300	65,160	86,880
4	13,100	\$26,200	32,750	34,060	34,846	35,370	36,156	39,300	45,850	48,470	52,400	65,500	78,600	104,800
5	15,340	\$30,680	38,350	39,884	40,804	41,418	42,338	46,020	53,690	56,758	61,360	76,700	92,040	122,720
6	17,580	\$35,160	43,950	45,708	46,763	47,466	48,521	52,740	61,530	65,046	70,320	87,900	105,480	140,640
7	19,820	\$39,640	49,550	51,532	52,721	53,514	54,703	59,460	69,370	73,334	79,280	99,100	118,920	158,560
8	22,060	\$44,120	55,150	57,356	58,680	59,562	60,886	66,180	77,210	81,622	88,240	110,300	132,360	176,480
9	24,300	\$48,600	60,750	63,180	64,638	65,610	67,068	72,900	85,050	89,910	97,200	121,500	145,800	194,400
10	26,540	\$53,080	66,350	69,004	70,596	71,658	73,250	79,620	92,890	98,198	106,160	132,700	159,240	212,320

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3. Covid-19 Impact

A. A non-public school is most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency based. RIDE will use on one or more of the following factors:

- The number of COVID-19 infections per capita in the community or communities served by the non-public school;
- The number of COVID-19-related deaths per capita in the community or communities served by the non-public school;
- Data on the academic impact of lost instructional time[and the social, emotional, and mental health impacts on students attending the non-public school attributable to the disruption of instruction caused by the COVID-19 emergency; or
- The economic impact of the COVID-19 emergency on the community or communities served by the non-public school.

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UNALLOWABLE USES OF EANS II FUNDS

- The EANS II Program does **not** allow schools to submit for reimbursements
- The EANS II Program does **not** allow contracting with a vendor to perform cleaning or disinfecting services - see Section 312(d)(4)(A) of the CRRSA Act

ALLOWABLE USES OF EANS II FUNDS

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities.
The cost of any labor, contracts, etc., are not allowable
- 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
*Requests for labor costs related to certain Capital Expenditures **may** be allowable*
- 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
Ownership of all technology purchased with EANS funding will be retained by the State of Rhode Island.
Additional guidance will follow.
- 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 - requests submitted for approval for EANS II Funds will be reviewed based upon:

- **Alignment to the above criteria for allowable uses**
- **Additional guidance as directed in the American Rescue Plan Act FAQ's - September 17, 2021**

TIMELINE

- State of Rhode Island post availability of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds - December **16, 2021**
- Deadline for Schools to submit Letter of Intent **December 27, 2021**
- Notification of application status via email on **January 17, 2021**
- Allocations and Allocation Request Templates communicated via email by RIDE - Approved Schools only - **January 17, 2021.**
- Completed Allocation Request Templates via email to RIDE - **February 7, 2021.**
- Allocation Request Templates reviewed by RIDE and communicated to Non Public Schools - Request templates to be reviewed within 30 days of successful submission.

Submission of all Requested Forms

- Please Note: all required forms must be **signed and dated.**
- Submission of all required forms will be sent electronically anthony.vescera@ride.ri.gov