

## Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the EANS Program?

The Emergency Assistance for Non-Public School Fund (EANS) is a \$55 million allocation to Louisiana through the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) signed into law on December 27, 2020.

### 2. Is my school eligible to participate?

A non-public/non-profit school is eligible to participate in this program if it is Academically Approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for school year 2019-2020 and has a *Brumfield v. Dodd* approval. [A list of eligible schools](#) is available and can be found in the Department's [Nonpublic Schools Library](#). If you have a question concerning your school's eligibility, please call 833-575-1727 or email [info@LDOE-EANS.com](mailto:info@LDOE-EANS.com).

### 3. What are the eligibility requirements?

A non-public school is eligible if it is:

- A Non-profit elementary and secondary school as defined in section 8101 of the ESEA of 1965 and State law
- Accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law  
[NPS 19-20 Approval with Brumfield v. Dodd](#)
- In existence prior to March 13, 2020, the date the President declared the national emergency due to COVID-19
- 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)) on or after December 27, 2020

### 4. What is the application process?

This application process will consist of two separate phases, the application phase and the budget phase. The first phase of the application process serves to obtain the intent of an eligible school to accept or decline participation in the Program. A preliminary allocation of EANS funding is provided within this EANS Eligibility Application to assist schools in making participation decisions. A decision to participate in the EANS Program must be acknowledged through the application process.

### 5. What services and/or assistance is available to my school?

A non-public school may apply to receive services and assistance to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

- Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
- 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; and

- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss; and
- Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems

#### 6. What data sets will be utilized to determine preliminary and final school allocations?

The allocation amount is an estimate since final data for one of two data sets is not yet available. The two data sets utilized in the preliminary allocation calculation are: 1) final student enrollment data supplied by eligible nonpublic schools for the 2019-20 school year within the Non-Public Schools Data Collection (NPS), and 2) preliminary low income student count data as reported to the public school systems for participation in Equitable Services under the ESEA Title I Part A program. Once all data sets have been captured through the application process and the number of eligible and participating schools is determined, each school's allocation will be finalized.

#### 7. Where can I access the application?

This application is available online at the [Federal Support and Grantee Relations Library](#) on the LDOE website. Resource materials to assist with the application process are available there as well.

**The Phase 1 Eligibility Application deadline is Sunday, April 4 at 11:59pm.**

#### 8. Can I request an application by mail or email? Is there a paper application available?

At this time, applications can only be submitted online.

#### 9. My school has more than one site code. How do I fill out the application?

One application may be submitted per site code. For example, if your school's junior high and senior high have separate side codes, you may submit one application for the junior high and one application for the senior high.

#### 10. My school decided to opt out of the program? What happens now?

If your school has indicated that it will not participate in the EANS Program, your application will not be reviewed and your school will not be allowed to re-enter the program at a later time. Please double check your response before submitting your answer to this question on the application.

#### 11. What is a D-U-N-S number? Where do I get one for my school?

The Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S Number is a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses and organizations. If your school does not have a D-U-N-S Number, you can complete and submit the EANS Eligibility Application without it, but you will be required to submit a D-U-N-S number for your school to complete the Phase 2 application process. Your school may register for a D-U-N-S Number at <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>.

#### 12. I am unsure of the date my school applied for and/or received a Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan. What do I do?

Please call 833-575-1727 or email [info@LDOE-EANS.com](mailto:info@LDOE-EANS.com) for assistance.

#### 13. My school has submitted an EANS Eligibility Application. What are my next steps?

If your application is approved, you will be required to fill out a second application with detailed budget information. Please begin pulling together this information now. Be on the lookout for information concerning the Phase 2 budget application and application deadline.

#### 14. Federal Resource FAQs

Additional Frequently Asked Questions on the EANS Program created by the Federal government can be found at the [US Department of Education Office of Elementary & Secondary Education website.](#)