

# Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS)

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Apportions (CRRSA) Act

## NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Allowable Services or Assistance Under the EANS Program

March 1, 2021

The purpose of this resource is to support non-public schools in effectively utilizing Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) services or assistance to meet the needs of Nebraska non-public school students. EANS is its own, separate, flexible program intended to assist with the COVID-19 response. Services and assistance options for the EANS program are broad and flexible consistent with the federal government's goal of preventing, preparing for, and responding to coronavirus. Services or assistance for this program must be necessary and reasonable.

#### Services or Assistance:

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

1. Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
3. Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
4. Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
5. Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
6. Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
7. Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
8. Educational technology (*including hardware, software, and connectivity*) for students who are served by the school that aids in regular and substantive educational interaction between students and their classroom instructors, including low-income students and children with disabilities, which may include assistive technology or adaptive equipment. *This does not include screen/case protectors, carrying cases, etc.*
9. Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
10. Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
11. Reasonable transportation costs
12. Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss

13. Reimbursement for the expenses of any services or assistance described above that a non-public school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, except for services or assistance described below

#### **Future Allowable Direct Services or Assistance, But Not Past Reimbursable Activities**

- Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed
- Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) prior to December 27, 2020
- Staff training and professional development on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19
- Developing instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
- Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss

With the exception of expenses reimbursed through a Personal Paycheck Protection (PPP) loan, while an SEA may not reimburse a nonpublic school for the above expenses, an SEA may provide these services or assistance directly to a nonpublic school or through a contract with an individual, association, agency, or organization.

**NOTE:** An SEA may reimburse a non-public school only for expenses for allowable services or assistance it incurred on or after March 13, 2020, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, that have not already been reimbursed with Federal funds, including PPP. ([p. 10 of USDE FAQ](#))

#### **Some Unallowable Activities & Uses of EANS:**

- Capital Improvements/Projects: Construction, HVAC, and Boiler Systems
- Faculty/Staff Salaries
- Permanent Renovations
- School Busses
- General Operational Costs
- For direct or indirect financial assistance to scholarship granting organizations or related entities
- To provide or support vouchers, tuition tax credit programs, education savings accounts, scholarships, scholarship programs, or tuition-assistance programs