

[PAIS Large School Heads] EANS link

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PAIS Heads, I am told that the link that I have pasted below can be helpful if your school is eligible to apply for an EANS grant. Gary

<https://oese.ed.gov/offices/education-stabilization-fund/emergency-assistance-non-public-schools/>

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Dear Friends,

The long-awaited information on new funding, Emergency Assistance for Nonpublic Schools (EANS), has been made available. I have attached a few documents for your perusal:

1. EANS notification letter from Acting Secretary Noe Ortega – This is an informational letter about the EANS program regarding the background, eligibility and application process.
2. EANS intent to apply form – **This form should be completed and returned to eileenwe@cciu.org by no later than April 2nd.**
3. EANS tech user guide – Critical dates of the EANS timeline, allowable expenses, and other details are outlined in this document.

The timeline is tight on this opportunity, so I am including it below for your quick reference.

- **April 2, 2021: Deadline for non-public schools to submit Intent to Apply Form to IUs**
- **March 29, 2021: Application for eligible non-public schools to be opened for IUs to submit application.**
- **April 22, 2021: Deadline for non-public schools' submission of applications to local IUs**
- **April 26, 2021: IU submission of compiled applications to PDE**
- **May 26, 2021: PDE approval of applications and final allocations for non-public schools to IUs**

As you peruse these documents, please let me know if you have questions. I will forward additional information as it becomes available.

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March 17, 2021

Dear Non-Public School Administrators:

Late last year, Congress designated a portion of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER II Fund) under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act for a new emergency assistance program, known as Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS). Under this new program, the U.S. Department of Education allocated \$150 million in EANS funding to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to provide services and assistance for eligible non-public schools to address educational disruptions caused by COVID-19.

Below is information about which schools are eligible to benefit from the EANS program and the application process. Please be aware this funding is different from the typical process for providing equitable services to nonpublic schools.

To be eligible to receive services or assistance under the EANS program, a non-public school must meet the following requirements:

- Is non-profit;
- Is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
- Was in existence prior to March 13, 2020, the date the President declared the national emergency due to COVID-19; and
- 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 was made on or after December 27, 2020.

Application Process

Eligible non-public schools will apply for assistance through their local intermediate units (IUs).

Interested non-public schools must complete and submit the attached Intent to Apply form to their local IU by no later than April 2, 2021.

IUs will begin emailing the EANS program application to eligible non-public schools that submitted an intent to apply form on March 29, 2021. Schools then have until 5:00 PM on April 22, 2021 to submit completed applications to their local IUs. **Applications received after that time and date will not be accepted.** Local IUs will upload completed applications and data into the PDE eGrant system by April 26, 2021.

Allocations

Initial allocations to eligible non-public schools will be calculated on a baseline per pupil amount. The allocation will be determined by the non-public school's total number of enrolled students from the October 2019 data collection in the PDE Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS). PDE will allocate 70% of the state's \$150,000,000 award amount to nonpublic schools based upon the total enrollment for each school based upon the PIMS data. The preliminary baseline per pupil amount is \$460 per enrolled student.

Each non-public school will base their preliminary EANS program and budget on this initial per pupil allocation and include that information in the EANS application. The school must also provide in the application the number of low-income students enrolled and the impact of COVID-19 on the school and students. This information will be used to adjust for final allocations including distributing the remaining 30% of the funding to address income and COVID-19 impact, both requirements of the EANS program.

In accordance with federal statute, PDE will process applications within 30 days of receiving them from the IUs and provide grantees with final allocations by May 26, 2021.

When EANS recipients receive those final allocations, they will need to adjust their budgets and programming accordingly and return a revised application to their local IU. The IU then will submit the revised application to PDE on their behalf.

Questions about the EANS program and the application process should be directed to the local IU. Schools also should watch for communication from their IUs regarding the application process.

Additional information can be found on the [PDE website](#). Thank you for your dedication to educating students during these challenging times. The PDE team looks forward to working with non-public schools and the IUs to make the EANS program a success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noe Ortega". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Noe" being more prominent.

Noe Ortega
Acting Secretary of Education