

## **American Rescue Plan Act Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (ARP EANS) Factsheet**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act) authorized a second round of federal funding totaling \$6,498,664 through which New Hampshire Department of Education (NHDOE) will provide services or assistance to non-public schools.

The administration of ARP EANS (also known as EANS II) will follow a similar process to CRRSA EANS (also known as EANS I). There are two significant differences between ARP EANS and CRRSA EANS:

- 1) Reimbursements, which were allowable under CRRSA EANS, are prohibited under ARP EANS; and
- 2) ARP EANS non-public school eligibility is based on COVID-19 impact in addition to poverty.

All eligible non-public schools that choose to participate will submit an application for assistance for purchases and services to be procured and owned/administered by NHDOE.

In order for a non-public school to be eligible to participate in ARP EANS, it must:

- 1) “Enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families;” and
- 2) Be “most impacted by the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).”

Please see New Hampshire’s USED-approved ARP EANS application for more information: <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/sonh/nh-arp-eans-application-submitted.pdf>.

Per federal requirements and its U.S. Department of Education (USED)-approved ARP EANS application, “significant percentage of students from low-income families” are those schools equal to or greater than **21.84 percent poverty**, which is the statewide average percentage of free or reduced-price lunch eligible elementary and secondary students (grades 1-12) in LEAs receiving ARP ESSER subgrants using the most recently available data (2020-2021). The school can measure its low-income student percentage by referencing the following:

- 1) Data on student eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (43 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.);
- 2) Data from the E-rate program administered by the Federal Communications Commission (47 CFR 54.500, 54.505(b)); and
- 3) Data from a different source, such as scholarship or financial assistance data.

The “most impacted by COVID-19 emergency” is defined as:

- 1) The COVID-19 infections per 100,000 is higher than State average in the county in which the non-public school is located **or** the county in which the majority of the non-public school’s enrolled students reside; **or**
- 2) The COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000 is higher than State average in the county in which the non-public school is located **or** the county in which the majority of the non-public school’s enrolled students reside.

Please see such data available at [www.covid19.nh.gov](http://www.covid19.nh.gov). Data used is as of 10/25/2021, which is the date the State was awarded the funds by USED.

Complete applications are due within 45 business days (1/28/22). NHDOE asks that you notify it of your intent to apply and submit Appendix A within 15 business days (12/16/21). ***Please note preliminary allocations on which non-public schools base their completed applications cannot be provided until NHDOE has received Appendix A from all eligible, participating non-public schools.***

All funds must be committed by 4/23/2022.