

Arkansas Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding CRRSA-EANS & ARP-EANS Funds

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#	Topic	Question	Answer	Last Update
1	Eligibility	Are faith-based non-public schools eligible to participate in the EANS program?	Yes. Faith-based non-public schools are eligible to participate in the EANS program to the same extent as other eligible non-public schools. All services or assistance provided under the EANS program must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.	2/18/21
2	Eligibility	May an organization that has governing authority over a group of non-public schools submit an application on behalf of its member schools?	DESE recommends each school (K-12) submit individual applications. An organization that has governing authority over a group of non-public schools should contact elizabeth.gomez@ade.arkansas.gov before submitting an application.	2/18/21
3	Eligibility	Would a cooperative that serves birth to 3 HIPPY students and parents be eligible as a non-public?	No, only K-12 non-public schools are eligible.	3/15/21
4	Eligibility	Do you have additional guidance on poverty data for non-public schools?	Yes, please see https://docs.google.com/document/d/12Amhj0kYk5xuAPR8ArSmjART8BQk0LXX/edit	3/10/2022
5	Eligibility	If our school was approved for EANS I but not EANS II, is there any danger of having anything taken away that we have purchased with the first EANS fund?	CRRSA-EANS (EANS I) and ARP-EANS (EANS II) are two separate programs if you were approved to CRRSA-EANS, but not for ARP-EANS you can continue requesting services under CRRSA-EANS. Also please notice that all services or assistance provided under CRRSA-EANS (EANS I) and ARP-EANS (EANS II), including equipment, materials, and any other items, shall be secular, neutral, and non-ideological. The Non-Public School understands that the control of funds provided and title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with such funds, shall be in the public agency (SEA), and	3/29/2022

			the SEA shall administer such funds, materials, equipment, and property. The SEA must gain title to materials, equipment, and property for which it provides EANS funds. At the end of the EANS programs, the SEA will consult with the non-public school to determine if materials, equipment, and property shall remain in use at the non-public school or must be returned to the SEA. This consultation may require additional documentation from the non-public school.	
6	Timeline	Is there a possibility for an extension of the deadline for the application?	No, the deadline is needed to calculate allocations and make funding available to eligible non-public schools before the end of school. We recommend applying early.	3/23/22
7	Application	Is enrollment Kindergarten through the end of grade or does it include preschool numbers?	Kindergarten through the end of grade.	3/15/21
8	Application	What is the date the school was established? Is it the date we started, or the date we were incorporated?	We recommend using the date the school was incorporated. But either date will work as long as it is before March 13, 2020.	3/15/21
9	Application	We have students who live in counties other than where our school is located. Do we need to include those on the application?	Yes, the total enrollment of your school (K-12).	3/15/21
10	Application	Since the ARP-EANS application window is open for about 2 months, will we be told of approval/denial after May 27 or will applications be approved as they come in?	The application will be reviewed as they come in and if anything needs to be revised the non-public school will be contacted to revise the application. The final notification will be sent after May 28 th due to data collection.	3/29/22
11	Eligibility Amount	Is there a way in the process to know the eligibility amount before the final submission of the application?	No, each eligible non-public school that submits a completed application will receive a proportional share of available funds.	3/15/21
12	Eligibility Amount	Do you think it will be about the same amount as the first round?	Since the amount is based on data collection we won't know an amount until after the application closes.	3/29/22
13	Eligibility Amount	fund award amount and ability to spend funds will not occur until summer	Yes, that would be correct.	3/29/22

14	Use of Funds	What dates of purchase are covered under reimbursement?	Allowable reimbursable must have been incurred on or after March 13, 2020.	3/15/21
15	Use of Funds	I want to know more about air quality.	Updated guidance from Division of Facilities and Transportation Guidance for using ESSER II Funds for Facility Repairs and Improvements.docx	3/15/21
16	Use of Funds	Are Covid- related improvements, such as ventilation systems, made to facilities that the school LEASES eligible for funds?	No, since the school does not own the facility.	3/15/21
17	Use of Funds	Is this for reimbursement for things we have already done or purchased or can we use those funds for things we purchase now going forward?	Yes, as long as those reimbursements were not paid with a PPP loan. Yes, you can use these funds for allowable purchases until September 2023.	3/15/21
18	Use of Funds	Can EANS funds be used to pay a person to provide education support instead of software or a program?	Yes, just have the person you are hiring fill out a service provider pre-registration form in Classwallet.	3/15/21
19	Use of Funds	So, if we were submitting a proposal for a new HVAC system, what exactly do you need to see?	That is not an option according to 34 C.F.R. 76.66 requires that equipment and supplies purchased with EANS funds must be able to be removed from a non-public school without remodeling the non-public school facility. A ventilation system that is installed and becomes a capital improvement in a non-public school, however, would not meet these requirements.	4/21/2021
20	Use of Funds	So you cannot get reimbursed for the special filters for Covid that were placed in our air units?	If you are referring to the I-WAVE filters, those are permanent fixtures and would not be allowable.	4/21/2021
21	Use of Funds	Can you reiterate the timeline for requesting reimbursement or services?	You can find this timeline on Powerpoint page 23, linked on our DESE webpage here	4/21/2021
22	Use of Funds	You mentioned not being able to spend funds on summer school personnel. Does that same ruling apply to the next school year or the current school year?	Yes, current and next	4/21/2021

23	Use of Funds	Is there a way to verify if certain items do or do not qualify under the different categories of funds?	Yes, the linked on the DESE Webpage, or you can always contact Elizabeth or Lindsey. https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-F AQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf	4/21/2021
23	Use of Funds	What justification will be needed to be submitted with receipts or payment requests?	We will need an invoice, Inventory spreadsheet, and a cleared check for most purchases but if further justification is needed we will reach out to ask for it.	4/21/2021
25	Use of Funds	STAR Testing money- Will I need to go to the ADE website to find out about renewing this for 3rd-8th grade and then expanding it to the 1st and 2nd grade?	The vendor can apply to be a service provider through ClassWallet. You can find more information here	4/21/2021
26	Use of Funds	Is there a guide to writing a justification?	Yes, we provide sample of all the documents you need. Please, see the following document https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19xyhLsX5O_IK2Ugz6mEiMwWyPoU7LiG55EalaPWAHw/edit?usp=sharing	4/26/22
27	Use of Funds	What is the process to request services and assistance from CRRSA-EANS & ARP-EANS Funds?	Please, see the following document https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/19xyhLsX5O_IK2Ugz6mEiMwWyPoU7LiG55EalaPWAHw/edit?usp=sharing	3/23/22
28	Inventory	Is there a sample format of an Educational Technology/Equipment Inventory?	Please, see the following document • https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vu-dHxXYNd30haCToTkkPU79yqrNGKbBJkRZKnuv0Rw/copy	3/15/21
29	Inventory	What is 34 CFR § 76.661?	Federal Guidance regarding Equipment and Supplies. (a) Under some program statutes, a public agency must keep title to and exercise continuing administrative control of all equipment and supplies that the subgrantee acquires with program funds. This public agency is usually the subgrantee. (b) The subgrantee may place equipment and supplies in a private school for the period of time needed for the project. (c) The subgrantee shall ensure that the equipment or supplies placed in a private school: (1) Are used only for the purposes of the	2/18/21SAM

			project; and (2) Can be removed from the private school without remodeling the private school facilities. (d) The subgrantee shall remove equipment or supplies from a private school if: (1) The equipment or supplies are no longer needed for the purposes of the project; or (2) Removal is necessary to avoid the use of the equipment of supplies for other than project purposes.	
30	Inventory	What is 2 CFR § 200.313(b)?	Federal Guidance regarding General Use. (b) A state must use, manage, and dispose of equipment acquired under a Federal award by the state in accordance with state law.	2/18/21
31	Inventory	What is 2 CFR § 200.314?	Federal Guidance regarding Supplies. (a) Title to supplies will vest in the non-Federal entity upon acquisition. If there is a residual inventory of unused supplies exceeding \$5,000 in total aggregate value upon termination or completion of the project or program and the supplies are not needed for any other Federal award, the non-Federal entity must retain the supplies for use on other activities or sell them, but must, in either case, compensate the Federal Government for its share. The amount of compensation must be computed in the same manner as for equipment. See §200.313 (e)(2) for the calculation methodology. (b) As long as the Federal Government retains an interest in the supplies, the non-Federal entity must not use supplies acquired under a Federal award to provide services to other organizations for a fee that is less than private companies charge for equivalent services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute.	2/18/21
32	Inventory	For how long are the services and assistance provided to a non-public school available?	At the end of the CCRSA funds (September 2023), the SEA will consult with the non-public school to determine if materials, equipment, and property shall remain in use at the non-public school or must be returned to the SEA. This consultation may require additional documentation from the non-public school.	2/18/21

33	Inventory	Will this be the same as the first round- if you remain enrolled in federal programs, the equipment will stay?	Yes	3/15/21
34	Reporting	Will there be any additional reporting required?	DESE will require additional reporting when necessary to meet the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act and Annual Reporting requirements. Also, the Secretary of Education (US ED) may require additional reporting as per 2 CFR § 200.238 - 200.329.	2/18/21
35	ClassWallet	Should each school have just a single Class Wallet account?	Each school has one account and three school users have access to it.	4/21/2021
36	ClassWallet	Should they all have their own logins or share one?	Yes, each user has their own login and password and it should not be shared.	4/21/2021
37	ClassWallet	Can we have a link to the video that shows the reimbursement process?	Yes, it is in The Arkansas EANS ClassWallet School User Guide https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15Kr2uQx6sX3JYdSIB-v3xvJXJkReIJF9XjKqQG8q_ic/edit#slide=id.gd2a448a780_0_12	4/21/2021
38	ClassWallet	To clarify, vendors are charged a 2.5% admin fee for utilizing ClassWallet? But may invoice the customer to cover the fee - is that accurate?	ClassWallet charges a 2.5% transaction processing fee for direct payments made to service providers. They have the option to charge this fee to the school. If they do, it will need to be included in the 2.5% in the invoice.	4/21/2021
39	ClassWallet	Will approved vendors for EANS I automatically be approved vendors for EANS II or will the vendors need to reapply.	No, they will not have to re-register.	3/29/22
40	ClassWallet	Does ADE provide Tax forms to vendors registered with ClassWallet?	No, ADE is not responsible for issuing tax forms to vendors register with ClassWallet. If the vendors require a tax form, they should either get one from the school or ClassWallet. If neither of those entities provides them with the forms that they think are required, they should consult with a tax attorney who can give them legal advice since they are still required to report the income as appropriate.	4/12/22
41	ClassWallet	How to Pay Service Providers and Schools with ClassWallet DirectPay	Please see this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt0oLysesB4	8/18/2022

42	Technical support	Do you provide EANS ongoing technical support?	Yes, ClassWallet and DESE provide technical support to EANS participants through phone, email, The Arkansas EANS ClassWallet School User or Provider Guide, ClassWallet Technical support team, and Arkansas EANS user support live session on the third Monday of every month. Contact elizabeth.gomez@ade.arkansas.gov for more information.	9/8/2021
43	Technical support	Do you provide a recording of the EANS I Disposition Webinar?	Yes, please see the video here: Arkansas EANS I Disposition Webinar	8/31/2023
44	Technical support	Do you have a disposition guidance for EANS I?	Yes, please see the guidance here: Arkansas EANS I Disposition Guidance	8/31/2023