



Commonwealth of Virginia Virginia Department of Education Superintendent's Memo #306-21

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: ARP Act Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) II Program

Application Process

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act included \$2.75 billion for the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) II program. The purpose of the EANS II program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on non-public school students and teachers. Virginia was awarded \$46.3 million in EANS II funding.

The requirements of the ARP Act EANS II program are identical to the EANS I program with two exceptions.

- A state educational agency (SEA) may only provide services or assistance under EANS II
 to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income
 families and are most impacted by COVID-19. Per <u>Virginia's approved EANS II</u>
 application, the minimum threshold for low-income enrollment is 25 percent.
- An SEA may not use EANS II funds to provide reimbursements to any non-public school for costs the school incurred to address the impact of COVID-19 emergency. All goods and services under the EANS II program must be procured by the SEA.

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) will serve as the program administrator for the EANS II funds awarded to Virginia. Programs and services for eligible non-public schools will

be determined through an application process. The EANS II application for non-public schools and the application guidelines, instructions, and assurances are available on the <u>Federal Pandemic Relief Programs webpage</u>. To be considered for the program, an eligible non-public school must submit a completed application to <u>EANS@doe.virginia.gov</u> no later than **Friday**, **December 10**, **2021**. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the due date will not be considered.

The VDOE will provide an overview of the ARP Act EANS II program and the application process on **Wednesday**, **November 17**, **2021** at **2:00** p.m. Information on how to join the webinar is included below.

- Join the Webinar
- Passcode 472997
- To join by phone, dial 877-853-5257. When prompted, enter Webinar ID 864 0466 3245 and Passcode 472997.

For more information

Questions about the ARP Act EANS II program or application process should be directed to EANS@doe.virginia.gov.

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