

*** This Q&A should be referred to for questions regarding the ARP-EANS II program only.**

General

1. Can schools receive reimbursement for assistance or services using ARP-EANS funds?

No, the ARP-EANS program will not include reimbursement to the school. This program will be DirectPay to vendors only.

2. When does the ARP-EANS program end? What is the deadline to submit orders using ARP-EANS funds?

The ARP-EANS program's end date is September 30, 2024. The deadline to submit DirectPay requests will be June 1, 2024.

3. What is a vendor required to do in order to become an approved service provider?

Vendors should submit the [Service Provider Pre-Registration Form](#) to request approval from the state. Please be aware that the vendor must submit the form. Private schools may not request on behalf of a vendor.

Once approved, the school will be able to submit DirectPay requests to the vendor for services. The school will submit the invoice on the vendor's behalf and once it is approved the vendor will be paid. The private school must assure that there is no conflict of interest with any school staff, administration, governing board, or other officials with the vendor. The individual, association, agency, or organization must be independent of the non-public schools receiving the services or assistance. Please see section D-10 of the federal guidance: <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-FAQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf>.

Please be aware that ClassWallet charges a 2.5% transaction processing fee for payments made to vendors. If the vendor would like the fee to be covered by ARP-EANS funds, they must include a line item for the fee on the invoice. The SEA cannot alter orders after they are in approved status and the fee will not be allowable after this has occurred.

Allowable Expenses

4. Can ARP-EANS funds be used to lease additional space?

The lease of additional space is allowable under the ARP-EANS program. Since the ARP-EANS program is DirectPay to vendors only, the lessor will need to be approved and listed in ClassWallet. The private school must assure that there is no conflict of interest with any school staff, administration, governing board, or other officials with the lessor. The individual, association, agency, or organization must be independent of the non-public schools receiving the services or assistance. Please see section D-10 of the federal guidance: <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-FAQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf>.

The school will need to submit monthly DirectPay orders to the vendor. Please be aware that we will not pay for the full lease term up front as we cannot pay ahead for services. The lease may not extend past the program end date, which is September 30, 2024.

Each order for the lease of additional space must include the entire signed lease agreement, the invoice for the month, evidence that the leased space is in addition to the existing school property, and justification for the leased space.

Please be advised that late fees, deposits, insurance costs, utilities, maintenance costs, etc., and other comparable costs are not covered under the ARP-EANS program. We can only cover the base rent amount, initial delivery cost (for modular buildings and does not include installation, must be submitted with the first month's rent order), and decks/ramps (for modular buildings, ADA Compliance).

5. Is the purchase of a bus or van allowable?

No, purchasing a bus or van is not allowable under the ARP-EANS program. However, a school may lease or rent a van or bus to allow for social distancing through a third-party vendor and submit monthly DirectPay orders for the lease.

6. What is included in reasonable transportation costs?

Reasonable transportation includes additional routes to aid in social distancing and to meet the nutrition and academic needs of students. Reasonable transportation would also include additional transportation to a satellite location owned or leased by the school. Field trips would be considered under reasonable transportation; however, sports events, games, etc. are not. Extra expenses related to transportation costs such as insurance fees, DMV transactions, water service fees, etc. are not covered under the ARP-EANS program.

DirectPay orders for transportation must be submitted monthly. Please be aware that we will not pay for the full lease term up front as we cannot pay ahead for services. The lease may not extend past the program end date, which is September 30, 2024. All orders for transportation leases must include the entire signed lease agreement, the invoice for the month, and justification for the transportation.

7. Can a school make classrooms bigger or build outdoor restrooms? Would construction or remodeling for this be allowable?

No. Construction, remodeling, and capital improvement projects are not allowable under the ARP-EANS program. Please see section E-2 of the federal guidance:
<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-FAQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf>.

8. What are some examples of educational technology items that are allowable?

Some examples of allowable educational technology items are laptops, tablets, PCs, webcams, document cams, headsets, smartboards, charging carts, and SIS payments.

Ventilation Systems/Windows

9. What services are allowable under the category for ventilation systems/windows?

Allowable services include duct cleanings, bi-polar ionization add-ons, air filters, UV light attachments, window repair, window screens, window balancers, and the installation fee for new windows.

10. Can a school replace its HVAC system with ARP-EANS funds?

No, new HVAC systems, air handlers, etc. are not allowable expenses.

11. Is the purchase of new windows an allowable expense?

No, the purchase of new windows is not allowable under the ARP-EANS program. However, we can cover the installation fee for new windows. The private school must pay for the new windows themselves with its own funds.