

Congress released the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 \(CAA\)](#) on December 21, 2020. This legislation includes COVID-19 relief specifying [appropriations provisions](#) to governors, state and local educational agencies (LEAs), and higher education institutions.

Louisiana’s Birth to 12th Grade Education Stabilization Funds Summary

- Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSERF II)- **\$1,160,119,378**
- Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEERF II) - **\$22,985,320**
- GEERF II funds for nonpublic schools - **\$55,566,230**
- CAA funds for childcare - **\$198,319,710**

GEER EANS Funds

GEER II Funds includes a separate program of Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) for which eligible non-public schools may apply to an SEA to receive services or assistance. The purpose of the EANS program is to provide services or assistance to eligible non-public schools to address educational disruptions caused by COVID-19.

ED will award [EANS](#) to each Governor with an approved Certification and Agreement based on the State’s relative share of low-income children. In collaboration with the Governor’s Office, the LDOE is working on the design and implementation for the EANS programs to provide non-public school services in accordance with the updated [FAQ from ED](#).

Generally, allowable activities under EANS relate to:

- Safely reopening schools
- Continuing instruction
- Addressing learning loss
- Supporting educational technology
- Reimbursing for certain coronavirus related costs

Louisiana’s GEERF II EANS Allocation			
Louisiana’s Total Award Amount	Max Reserve for Administration	Minimum Amount for Non-publics	Period of Availability
\$ 55,566,230	\$277,831	\$ 55,288,399	3/13/20 - 9/30/23*

**May be used for pre-award costs dating back to March 13, 2020, when the national emergency was declared.*

Timeline	Action
Feb 8, 2021	Governor submit Certification and Agreement to ED
March 2021 <i>30 days from receipt of GAN from Governor’s Office</i>	SEA makes applications available to Non-Public Schools
April 2021 <i>No later than 30 days from receipt of notification from SEA</i>	Non-Public Schools must submit EANS application to SEA
May 2021 <i>No later than 30 days from receipt of EANS program applications</i>	SEA approves or deny EANS applications

Equitable Services

Because the CRRSA Act establishes this EANS program, LEAs are not required to provide equitable services under GEER II. However, equitable services requirements continue to apply under the CARES Act’s ESSER I and GEER I appropriations provisions.

Eligibility

For purposes of the EANS program, an eligible non-public school is an elementary or secondary school that:

- is non-profit;
- is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law¹;
- 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 is made on or after December 27, 2020.

GEER II EANS Funds Allowability

As outlined in [Section D of the FAQ from ED](#), a non-public school may apply to receive services and assistance from the SEA or its contractors to address educational disruptions resulting from COVID-19 for:

1. Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities
2. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
3. Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
4. Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
5. Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
6. Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety'
7. Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
8. Educational technology
9. Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
10. Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
11. Reasonable transportation costs
12. Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
13. Reimbursement for the expenses of any services or assistance described above that a non-public school incurred on or after March 13, 2020, except for:
 - a. Improvements to ventilation systems (including windows), except for portable air purification systems, which may be reimbursed.
 - b. Any expenses reimbursed through a loan guaranteed under the PPP (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) prior to December 27, 2020.
 - c. Staff training and professional development on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.
 - d. Developing instructional plans, including curriculum development, for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.
 - e. Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss.

For additional information on allowable services or assistance, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) released by ED.

As always, the Department will continue to provide updates to school systems as new information becomes available. Please look for this information in the newsletter, Monthly System Leader Call, and Monthly Federal Support and Grantee Relations Call. Please contact LDOE.grantshelpdesk@la.gov with questions.

¹ Annually, non-public schools must submit a [Brumfield vs. Dodd Compliance Report PDF](#) in order to maintain eligibility for state and federal funding.