

EANS II: Identification of Non-Public Schools to be Served

Under section 2002(a) of the ARP Act, services or assistance to non-public schools under the ARP EANS program are limited to “non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of [students from low-income families] and are most impacted by the [COVID-19] emergency.”

The U.S. Department of Education’s final requirements require a Governor, to identify the significant poverty percentage and the factors demonstrating the impact of the COVID-19 emergency the State will use, after approval by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, to determine which non-public schools are eligible to receive services or assistance. In addition to meeting the definition of a non-public school in section 316(6) of the CRRSA Act and the eligibility requirement in section 312(d)(9) of the CRRSA Act, a non-public school must meet or exceed the State’s significant poverty percentage and be most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.

The following criteria must be met for a school to be eligible to participate in EANS II:

- 1) Have Significant poverty, based on free and reduced price lunch data, that is 20% poverty or above for the 2019-2020 school year.**

The average percentage of students from low-income families in non-public schools in the State that, for example, applied for or participated in the EANS program as authorized by the CRRSA Act.

Kansas averaged the percentage of students from low-income families in all non-public schools in the State that participated in the EANS-I program as authorized by the CRRSA Act. The average poverty of those students is 20%.

Determining Low-Income Counts

To be counted as a student from a low-income family for purposes of the ARP EANS program, a student must be aged 5 through 17 from a family whose income does not exceed 185 percent of the 2020 Federal poverty threshold. To obtain a count of students from low-income families enrolled in a non-public school, Kansas uses the following source of data:

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) The school must be physically located in one of the 96 Kansas counties most significantly impacted by COVID-19, as measured but cumulative COVID-19 infection rate and death rate.**

A non-public school is most impacted by the COVID-19 emergency based on one or more of the following factors:

- I. The number of COVID-19 infections per capita in the community or communities served by the non-public school.*
- II. The number of COVID-19-related deaths per capita in the community or communities served by the non-public school.*

(Schools in the following nine counties do not meet this criteria: BARBER, DOUGLAS, JOHNSON, LEAVENWORTH, LINN, MIAMI, OSAGE, POTTAWATOMIE, RILEY.)

Criteria are pending final approval by the Secretary of the US Department of Education.