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.

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