

We are writing to inform you of some pending changes to the EANS II purchasing program.

NYSED has made an effort to purchase as many of the purchasing requests as possible within the allowable timeframes. Unfortunately, as many schools have recognized, the process of purchasing for such a large number of schools under state and federal purchasing guidelines has been extremely labor-intensive and challenging. With only seven months remaining in the allowable purchasing period, NYSED must make determinations on the priority and reasonability of the remaining requests.

As a result, NYSED has determined that we will focus on making the following purchase requests within the remainder of the allowable purchasing period:

- Laptops, tablets and chromebooks
- Digital pens
- Headsets and webcams
- Wireless keyboards and wireless mouse
- No-touch thermometers

Per USDE guidance, the State Education Authority (SEA) must ensure that it determines the allowability of all costs and must be consistent with the cost principles in the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), 2 C.F.R. Part 200, including the requirement that a **cost be necessary and reasonable for performance of the Federal award**. Items such as desktop computers, interactive whiteboards and furniture were initially allowable as reimbursements under CRRSA EANS, as many schools necessitated additional space to meet local or state health requirements. However, with schools now having made it multiple years without social distancing requirements or other more stringent health protocols in place to address COVID-19, the reasonability of some requests is no longer applicable.

We understand that many schools still had funds set aside for other types of purchasing requests and may have allocations that need to be utilized. The remaining allocations can be utilized on requests for the items listed above, educational support services and/or ventilation improvement services. If your school did not previously request items from the list above, please contact us at EANS@nysed.gov to discuss your school's options to shift funding by no later than March 29, 2024. To discuss options for utilizing funds on educational services or ventilation improvement, please reach out to the contacts listed below.

Social-Emotional Support Services

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Please reach out with any additional questions at EANS@nysed.gov