

Arizona School Nurse Access Program (ASAP) Eligibility Criteria and Determination Process

In accordance with the purpose of the ASAP and the federal COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Development fund, which is to provide for school nurses in rural and unserved places of the state, and in accordance with the Arizona Department of Education Work Plan and Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona Department of Health Services, the eligibility criteria and determination process were developed and used.

Selected schools must meet each of the following eligibility criteria:

1. Rural as defined by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)
2. Rural Remote or Rural Distant locale as designated by the NCES
3. Title I eligible
4. Cannot already employ a Registered Nurse (RN) as reported by their LEA. Other health office personnel, e.g., aides, do not disqualify candidate schools.

The determination process began with an applicant pool list of all Arizona K-12 public schools. From that list the following steps were taken to determine schools meeting the eligibility criteria:

1. Reduce complete list to K-12 public schools that are Rural as defined by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)
2. Of the above list, reduce list to schools that are Rural Remote or Rural Distant locale as designated by the NCES
3. Of the above list, reduce list to Title I eligible schools
4. Cannot already employ a Registered Nurse (RN) as reported by their LEA. Other health office personnel, e.g., aides, do not disqualify candidate schools.