

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Students (FRPL)



Free Lunch – Program Service Code 5817

Students may be reported as qualifying for a FREE lunch if they:

- 1) are found during the federally mandated Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP) to be SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and/or Medicaid-eligible;
- 2) reside in the same household as a child receiving SNAP, TANF, FDPIR or deemed Medicaid eligible through the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP);
- 3) are documented as:
 - homeless - identified by the Homeless Liaison
Note: Homeless students remain FRPL-eligible for the entire school year even if the family secures permanent housing and the student's homeless status ends during the school year.
 - foster-certified directly by State/local foster agency
 - migrant-identified by Migrant Outreach Education Program Coordinator
- 4) are documented in a program as per the Runaway and Homeless Youth act;
- 5) are documented to be in a federal Head Start/Even Start program;
- 6) have a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application approved for free lunch or a CEP/P2 income inquiry form; or
- 7) are documented to be in a Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).

Reduced Lunch – Program Service Code 5806

Students may be reported as qualifying for a REDUCED-PRICE lunch only if they:

- have a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) application for reduced-price lunch or a CEP/P2 income inquiry form and
- have a reported family income of 131 to 185 percent, inclusive, of the federal poverty level as determined using the federal income guidelines established for the current school year.

Carryovers

Carryover of previous year's eligibility is for up to 30 operating days into the current school year or until a new eligibility determination has been made, whichever is first. If a new eligibility determination for the current school year has not been made by BEDS day and a student is within the 30-day carryover period, the student should be reported as qualifying for either free- or reduced-price lunch. Carryover of previous year's eligibility (30 days) also applies to students who move from a Provision 2 or CEP school to a non-Provision 2 or non-CEP school in another district. For students within the 30-day carryover period report the previous eligibility type if known, if not known report CARRYOVER.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

For districts participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), actual current eligibility determinations must be made for BEDS reporting purposes. This can be done by conducting the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP) with Child Nutrition Program SNAP and Medicaid data along with the collection of family income from an alternate eligibility form. **Note: Districts may not report that all students in a CEP site are free (Program Service Code 5817: Free Lunch Program) solely because they are attending a CEP participating school.**

Reporting

Students that are reported with a Program Service Code of 5817 (Free Lunch) or 5806 (Reduced Lunch) should also be reported with Program Service Code 0198: Poverty – from low-income family. In addition, every student reported as qualifying for either a free or reduced-price lunch must also be reported with an eligibility type code:

Report at least one eligibility type code associated with the student's FRPL record. When available (eligible), DCMP (SNAP) should always be reported. Eligibility types may be added during the school year. However, once a student is reported as DCMP, no additional eligibility types are needed. FRPL eligibility type codes should be re-evaluated at the beginning of each school year. Eligibility type codes that may have applied in the prior year and are no longer applicable should be removed for the current year.	
APPLICATION	Free or reduced eligible based on NSLP (National School Lunch Program) application for free and reduced-price school meals/milk or CEP/P2 income inquiry form.
CARRYOVER	Carryover of previous year's eligibility for up to 30 operating days into the new school year or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever is first. Once a new eligibility type is determined, report only one additional non-CARRYOVER eligibility unless DCMP. When eligible, DCMP should always be reported. CARRYOVER may be used from the beginning of the school year up to and including October 31. Extension of eligibility applies to students who reside in the same household as a student in CARRYOVER status. CARRYOVER (30 days) is also available to students who transfer from a CEP participating to a non-CEP school during the year.
DCMP	SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Medicaid eligible per federally mandated Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP) <i>plus</i> extension of eligibility to children living in the same household as a child receiving SNAP, TANF, FDPIR benefits or deemed Medicaid eligible through the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP).
FDPIR	Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.
FOSTER	Foster child certified directly by the State or local foster agency.
HSTART	Federal Head Start/Even Start program.
HOMELESS	Homeless student identified by Homeless Liaison.
MIGRANT	Migrant youth identified by Migrant Outreach Coordinator.
RUNAWAY	Runaway in a program as per Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.