

STUDENT DATA ELEMENTS

2025-26



Data Element Number: **146025**

Data Element Name: **Lunch Status**

Lunch Status is defined as the student's eligibility status for participation in the National School Lunch Program. Eligibly status is based upon the type of National School Lunch Program Provision offered in the student's School Number, Current Enrollment.

Code	Definition/Example
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**Community Eligibility Provision**

**C** The student is enrolled in a USDA – approved Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and is identified as eligible for free meals based upon the Direct Certification determination or the extension of eligibility to the household due to eligibility of an identified direct certified student. Identified students include students directly certified through SNAP; TANF; the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; children experiencing homelessness who have been identified on the local liaison's list; Head Start participants; identified migrant youth; identified runaways; non-applicants approved by local officials; foster children who are certified through means other than a household application; and those eligible for Medicaid. (Only FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) - approved CEP schools use this code.)

**N** The student is enrolled in a USDA – approved Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and is NOT identified as eligible for free or reduced priced meals based upon the Direct Certification determination or the extension of eligibility to the household due to eligibility of an identified direct certified student. (Only FDACS -approved CEP schools use this code.)

**R** The student is enrolled in a USDA – approved Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school and is identified as eligible for reduced price meals based upon the Direct Certification determination or the extension of eligibility to the household due to eligibility of an identified direct certified student. Identified students include students directly certified through the Medicaid eligibility for reduced price income limits. (Only FL Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) - approved CEP schools use this code.)

**NOTE:**

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(b) If a student is eligible for free or reduced price lunch at any time during the school year, report the student as such in Survey 5.

**District Options (Converted prior to state reporting. See note below.)**

**6** The student is eligible for free meals based on direct certification which is the automatic approval for free meals but declines the free meals.

**9** The student is eligible for free meals based on direct certification which is the automatic approval for free meals.

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**Eligibility Status Determined by Survey Application**

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0 The student did not apply for free or reduced price meals.

1 The student applied for free or reduced price meals but is not eligible.

3 The student is eligible for reduced-price meals. (Based on FRL eligibility survey only.)

D The student is identified as eligible for free meals based upon the Direct Certification determination or the extension of eligibility to the household due to eligibility of an identified direct certified student. Identified students include students directly certified through SNAP; TANF; the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations; children experiencing homelessness who have been identified on the local liaison's list; Head Start participants; identified migrant youth; identified runaways; non-applicants approved by local officials; foster children who are certified through means other than a household application; and those eligible for Medicaid.

E The student is identified as eligible for reduced price meals based upon the Direct Certification determination or the extension of eligibility to the household due to eligibility of an identified direct certified student. Identified students include students directly certified through the Medicaid eligibility for reduced price income limits.

F The student is eligible for free meals. (Based on FRL eligibility survey only.)

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**Provision 2**

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4 The student is enrolled in a USDA-approved Provision 2 school.

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**Z or Not Applicable**

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Z Unknown. This code should be used only for private school students participating in Title I programs and (optionally) for reporting survey 6 information.

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### Data Element Detailed Information

Length:	1	<b>Use Types:</b>	
Data Type:	Alphanumeric	State Reporting:	Yes
Year Implemented:	9394	Local Accountability:	Yes
State Standard:	No	FASTER:	No
Required Grades:	PK-12	Migrant Tracking:	No

### Applicable Format And Edit

#### Formats Required:

Student Demographic Information

35, 5E, 90, 91

Student Discipline/Resultant Action

27

#### Edits Required:

#### Programs Required:

All Programs

#### Surveys Required:

Survey 1 Yes  
 Survey 2 Yes  
 Survey 3 Yes  
 Survey 4 Yes  
 Survey 5 Yes  
 Survey 6 Default  
 Survey 9 Yes

#### Appendices:

None

### Description of Changes:

7/1/2017 Added "Based on Lunch Eligibility Survey only." to code F.  
 7/1/2017 Added "Based on Lunch Eligibility Survey only." to code 3.  
 7/1/2017 Added "or reduced" to code N  
 7/1/2016 Grouped codes by type of NSLP Provision; revised language in codes 0 & 1; deleted code 2; added codes D and F.  
 7/1/2016 Revised language in definition.  
 7/1/2016 Added two new codes R and E. Changed group title of "Not Applicable" so that it sorts to bottom of groupings.  
 9/25/2015 Updated note to clarify conversion of codes 6 and 9 to include Code C.  
 7/1/2015 Survey 7 Removed from Required Surveys  
 7/1/2014 Added additional language to codes C and N.  
 9/9/2013 Added the two new codes related to CEO to the note.  
 9/9/2013 Added two codes to capture student lunch status eligibility for those students enrolled in USDA - Community Eligibly Option schools.