

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Family Income Survey

Schools participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) are no longer allowed to collect the Free and Reduced-Price meal applications. To gather this important income data, CEP schools use the Family Income Survey.

Without this income data, the loss of Learning Assistance Program (LAP) and other state and federal funding could be significant!

The Family Income Survey should be distributed to all households that you cannot directly certify as eligible for free meals.



Along with a diligent certification plan, creating an action plan to distribute and collect surveys will ensure the financial stability of your district and guarantee that students receive the benefits they deserve.



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Best Practices

Consider omitting the word *poverty* throughout the data collection - reframe to focus on community economic demographic for continued support of other educational funding sources.

Distribute the survey in enrollment packets. Gather them during fall parent teacher conferences.

Designate non-Program 98 - funded district staff to be in charge of advertising and collecting the Family Income Survey.

Set up for success with an established process!



Advertise that the Family Income Survey is an important tool to secure important educational programs for students!

Work with your food service department to conduct direct certification for Basic Food, TANF, Medicaid, Foster, Homeless, and Migrant Students. Remember, Directly Certified students do not need a Family Income Survey.

