

U.S. Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Provision Impacts to Non-Child Nutrition Programs Regarding Poverty Data

State Funded Programs

Can we use the multiplier similar to Title I, A for reporting economically disadvantaged percentages for state funded programs? No, you will still need to use data from each individual family to determine the percentage of children eligible for free/reduced priced meals for eligibility in state funded programs.

How do we obtain this information without having USDA free/reduced priced meals applications? We are providing a “Household Income Survey” for you to send to families with children enrolled in a CEP participating school. See next section for Q and A’s related to this form.

What state-funded programs will be impacted by CEP? Learning Assistance Program, National Board Bonus, K-3 High Poverty Funding, State Funded Full Day Kindergarten.

Does this poverty data need to be reported in CEDARS similar to prior years? Yes, poverty data by individual students needs to be reported in CEDARS.

Household Income Survey

What is the purpose of the Household Income Survey? Although family income data is not collected through the free and reduced price meals application form in CEP schools, this data needs to be collected in another way in order to determine percentages of economically disadvantaged students for state funded programs that still require this information for funding purposes.

How is data collected to determine if a student meets the economically disadvantaged criteria if a school is not collecting household free and reduced price meal applications in a given school year? This data will be collected by providing the Household Income Survey to all families with at least one child that is enrolled in a school participating in CEP.

Can we require a family to complete this form? No, but individual district’s may provide incentives for completing the forms, but cannot indicate they are required by USDA or ED.

How can we encourage families to turn in the survey? The template letter to families that we have provided for your use is worded in a way to encourage families to complete it because it brings benefits to the school and their child.