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Verification is the process sponsors conduct annually to confirm selected students' eligibility for Free and Reduced-Price Meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). *Verification is not required for children who have been certified for meals under Direct Certification.* A [Verification](#) webpage with forms and instructions has been developed to support program sponsors through the process.

Verification in School Year 2020-2021

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed that school districts do not need to conduct Verification this school year but has extended the Verification deadline to February 28, 2021. Whether you are currently participating in the Summer Food Service Program or NSLP, **all** schools and districts that collected Free and Reduced-Price Meals Applications are required to conduct Verification. The Verification sample should be based on approved current school year applications as of October 1, 2020. Sponsors have the discretion to complete Verification ahead of the February 28 deadline.

Improvement Plans

In School Year 2020-2021, Improvement Plans are required for sponsors that had a significant number of non-responses and applications changed to paid based on the Verification results in School Year 2019-2020. Those sponsors that are required to complete and submit an Improvement Plan are listed at [Schools Required to Submit an Improvement Plan for Certification and Verification for SY 2020-2021](#).

Standard Sample

In School Year 2020-2021, a Standard Sample is required for sponsors that had a significant number of non-responses to Verification in School Year 2019-2020. Those sponsors that are required to conduct a Standard Sample are listed at [Schools Required to Use Standard Sample Size for SY 2020-2021](#).

Verification Forms for School Year 2020-2021

For those sponsors participating in the Extended Summer Food Service Program (E-SFSP) we have developed special forms that can be used for Verification. They are available at the following links:

- [We Must Check Your Application Form E-SFSP Version](#)
- [We Have Checked Your Application E-SFSP Version](#)

Questions regarding Verification maybe directed to mde-schoolnutrition@michigan.gov.

Contact Us

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Nutrition Gateway: The Michigan Department of Education [Nutrition Gateway](#) provides Child Nutrition Program (CNP) agencies a singular system to access annual CNP applications (MEGSplus), monthly claims (MIND) and periodic administrative reviews (GEMS/MARS) through an integrated dashboard and portal.

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https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_50144-518545--,00.html
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https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/10_STANDARD_SAMPLE_SIZE_2017-2018_601143_7.pdf
https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/13_We_Must_Check_Your_Application_2020-21_E-SFSP_Version-WORD_DOC_707392_7.docx
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