

Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility Component Overview

The Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility (SNE) Component is used to report the student's eligibility for free or reduced-price milk or meals through the National School Lunch Program in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). Data reported in this component are used to identify economically disadvantaged students. These data are used for categorical funding allocations, such as E-rate and Section 31a At-risk, as well as in a multitude of state and federal reports. It must be submitted for each student who is determined to meet eligibility requirements for free or reduced-price meals.

MSDS Collections that Require SNE

- Fall & Spring General Collection
- Student Record Maintenance (SRM) Collection
- Early Childhood Collections

Identifying Economically Disadvantaged Students

- Direct Certification
 - For more information about the Direct Certification report, please visit the [Center for Educational Performance and Information \(CEPI\) Direct Certification Report web page.](#)ⁱ
- Income Based Form
 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals Family Application - Traditional Claim Schools
 - Household Information Report - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools
- Categorical Eligibility
 - Students experiencing homelessness
 - Migratory students
 - Unaccompanied Homeless Youth
 - Students experiencing Foster Care
 - Students in Head Start

Additional Notes

- Report the student's eligibility at the district or districts in which the student is enrolled, not necessarily the school where the student receives meals. The student need not actually receive a meal on the collection count date.
- It is **not** a requirement for the school or the student to participate in the National School Lunch Program. **Non-participating schools** must use a Household Information Report to determine eligibility.
- Once the student has been reported as being eligible for either free or reduced-price milk/meals during a school year, they are eligible for the entire school year.
- Once the student has been reported as being eligible for free milk/meals, the student's eligibility cannot be removed or changed to reduced-priced during the school year.

- CEPI will identify students as **eligible for free milk/meals** who either appear on your district's Direct Certification report OR who have been identified as homeless or migrant during the current school year, even if you do not include the SNE Component on their records.

Carry-over Students

If a student was eligible for free or reduced-price milk/meals in the previous school year, they may continue to receive free or reduced-price milk/meals for the first 30 school days of the new school year. Do not report these students as being eligible for free or reduced-price milk/meals in the Fall General Collection unless you have determined that they are also eligible for the current school year.

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

If a district is participating in CEP, 100% of students should **NOT** be reported as SNE.

Only report to the SNE component for CEP students that have been determined as eligible based on meeting the criteria on the Household Information Report. You do not need to report the SNE component for CEP students who are directly certified. For more information about CEP, refer to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) [Community Eligibility Program](#)ⁱⁱ webpage.

System Reports

The following MSDS reports will help you verify that each eligible student was reported with the SNE Component:

- Economically Disadvantaged Students – this report is found under the General Reports menu and displays summary and student-level information for students who are reported with the SNE Component and/or eligible through direct certification, migrant, or homeless status. Districts must have a Supplemental Nutrition role in order to run this report.

Data Usage

The SNE characteristic is used in determining the economically disadvantaged subgroup. This subgroup is used by multiple State of Michigan offices for categorical funding allocations and in a multitude of state and federal reports. Following are some of these uses:

- Section 31a & Title I allocations and grant awards
- E-Rate
- Perkins Core Performance Indicators
- School Index and Parent Transparency Dashboard
- Graduation and Dropout Rates
- Great Start Readiness Program
- School Nutrition Programs
- Pandemic-EBT

For additional information on reporting the SNE Component in the Michigan Student Data System refer to the [SY 2021-22 MSDS Collections Details Manual](#),ⁱⁱⁱ page 289.

If you have questions about this characteristic, please contact:

CEPI Customer Support at cepi@michigan.gov

For questions regarding Section 31A and Title I allocations, contact Judy Thelen, Office of Educational Supports, Financial Unit at 517-241-5388.

For questions regarding Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility, contact the MDE School Nutrition unit at MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov or 517-241-5374.

For questions regarding Accountability Scorecard Results, contact the MDE Division of Educator, Student, and School Supports at Mde-oeaa@michigan.gov or 877-560-8378.

For questions regarding Perkins Core Performance Indicators, contact Joanne Mahoney, Office of Career and Technical Education at mahonyj@michigan.gov or 517-335-0405.

For questions regarding the reporting of Early Childhood information, please contact the MDE Office of Great Start at 517-241-7004.

ⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,4546,7-113-986_50502_53828---,00.html

ⁱⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-66254_80468-511805--,00.html

ⁱⁱⁱ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/cepi/Collection_Details_SY21-22v1_725145_7.pdf