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2024-2025 in Traditional Claim Schools

Education and Nutrition Benefits Application (Federal Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals)

The Education and Nutrition Benefits prototype documents and letters to households for School Year 2024-2025 are updated and posted to the [Education and Nutrition Benefits](#) webpage.

Details

- The Education and Nutrition Benefits application must be collected annually beginning July 1 of each school year. Applications must be complete for proper approval and are valid for the entire school year.
- The Michigan School Meals program provides additional State funding to allow every breakfast and lunch served to be reimbursed at the free rate for public schools, public school academies, and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs).
- For **Traditional Claiming Schools**, even though all meals are free for students, an Education and Nutrition Benefits application must still be collected, processed, and a student benefit must be established for every

eligible student. Meals must be counted and claimed by the correct student benefit.

- There are many resources available on the MDE School Nutrition Program [Resources](#) page.
- [Direct Certification](#)
- [Education and Nutrition Benefits](#)
- [School Lunch, Breakfast, Afterschool Snack Meals Served/Payments Fact Sheet](#)
- [School Meal Eligibility](#)
- [Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility](#)
- [Verification](#)
- [Michigan School Meals Resources for Schools](#)

Points of Clarification

- Schools that are Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and participating in the Michigan School Meals program need to distribute and collect [Education Benefits forms](#). Without this information, your district/school could lose important state funding for educational programs that your students are entitled to. [These resources](#) are to help with communicating to families why forms are still necessary.
- If you have already printed and distributed your School Year 2024-2025 applications under the name *Child Nutrition and Education Benefits Application*, you do not need to reprint or redistribute at this time. Nothing on the application has changed, it was a simple name change. Moving forward please use the application with the name [Education and Nutrition Benefits](#).

Questions regarding Student Eligibility and Education and Nutrition Benefits may be directed to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov and MickelsonN@michigan.gov.

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