

Early Childhood Program Eligibility for Participation in Michigan School Meals

School district run childcare for infants and toddlers – Ages 0-3

- These children's meals may only be claimed through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- Only meals claimed through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/School Breakfast Program (SBP) are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Early Head Start program run by school district or community-based organization (CBO) – Ages 0-3

- These children's meals may only be claimed through CACFP.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Early Childhood Special Education programs (Ages 0-5)

- These students can have their breakfast and lunch claimed through NSLP/SBP at the building the program is located in.
- These buildings are eligible for the Michigan School Meals.
- If these students receive a daytime snack (am or pm), that snack is to be claimed through the CACFP.

Strong Beginnings (SB) State-Funded (Sec. 32t) Three-year-old Preschool/GSRP (these children are not eligible to attend kindergarten the following school year)

- SB is an expanding program in Michigan. The SB classrooms are located both in school district buildings and in private childcare centers.
- These children's meals may only be claimed through CACFP.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Head Start (HS) program run by the county or CBO

- These children's meals may only be claimed through the CACFP.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Head Start program run by the school district or Intermediate School District (ISD)/Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA)

- These children can have their breakfast and lunch claimed through NSLP/SBP at the building the program is located in. These buildings are also eligible for the Michigan School Meals.
- If these children receive a daytime snack (am or pm), the snack is to be claimed through the CACFP.

Great Start Readiness Program run by the county or other CBO

- These children will need to have their meals and snacks claimed through the CACFP, even if these programs are held in a school building.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Great Start Readiness Program run by the school district or ISD/RESA

- These children can have their breakfast and lunch claimed through NSLP/SBP at the building the program is located in. These buildings are also eligible for the Michigan School Meals.
- If these students receive a daytime snack (am or pm), the snack is to be claimed through the CACFP.

District run Pre-Kindergarten (Tuition based) – Ages 3-4

- The 4-year-old children can have their breakfast and lunch claimed through NSLP/SBP at the building the program is located in. These buildings are also eligible for the Michigan School Meals.
- If these children receive a daytime snack (am or pm), that snack will need to be claimed through the CACFP.
- If they will NOT be attending Kindergarten the following year, the 3-year-old children are to have their meals and snacks claimed through CACFP.
- If these the children receive a daytime snack (am or pm), the snack is to be claimed through the CACFP.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

Private preschool or childcare classrooms located in a school building (space is rented)

- These children are to have their meals and snacks claimed through the CACFP.
- Only meals claimed through the NSLP/SBP are eligible to participate in Michigan School Meals.

For more information about participation in the CACFP:

[Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

[CACFP Staff List \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)

For more information about participation in Michigan Schools Meals:

[Michigan School Meals](http://michigan.gov)

[Analyst Territories \(michigan.gov\)](http://michigan.gov)