

School Meal Eligibility Release of Information

for Federal and State Programs

Program Title	Program Type	Approved for Release of Eligibility Status
District/School Fees (excluding transportation fees)	Any reduction/waiving of local school/district fees	Not Approved – written parental consent required
Accelerate College Opportunity Exam Fee Grant Program	Includes Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate exam and/or book fees. Eligible students defined in 20 U.S.C. sec. 9832(3); Grant program defined in HB19-1222	Not Approved – written parental consent required
Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program	Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159)	Approved – written parental consent not required
Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB)	USDA memo SP12-2021 : temporary federal program to assist eligible families pay for internet during the pandemic	Not Approved – written parental consent required
District Transportation Fees	Per CO Revised Statue 22-32-113, districts imposing transportation fees <i>must</i> waive these fees for eligible free and reduced-price students.	Approved – written parental consent not required
Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Fee Grant Program	Per CO Revised Statue 22-95.5, districts can receive AP exam fee reimbursement for eligible free and reduced-price students. Includes Advanced Placement (AP) and exam and/or book fees.	Not Approved – written parental consent required
October 1 Count	Colorado per pupil funding; Required state education program report	Approved – written parental consent not required
CoAlt: DLM	Colorado Student Assessment Alternate – Dynamic Learning Maps; Required state education program assessment	Approved – written parental consent not required
Access for ELLS	Colorado English Language Assessment	Approved – written parental consent not required
Gear Up	Federally Funded Grant Program	Approved – written parental consent not required

21st Century Community Learning Centers	Federally Funded Grant Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
National Assessment of Educational Programs (NAEP)	Federal Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
Colorado Preschool Program and ECARE	State of Colorado education preschool program	Approved – written parental consent not required
UIP – Unified Improvement Plan	Federal and State Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
College Board – SAT	Non-profit organization that administers college readiness tests; considered a state education program under CO Accountability requirements	Approved – written parental consent not required
Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)	Non-profit organization that administers college readiness tests; considered a state education program under CO Accountability requirements	Approved – written parental consent not required
Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners for Assessment and Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC) • Science and Social Studies 	CMAS – CDE assessment unit: PARCC is a multi-state assessment consortium that is developing shared English language arts (ELA) and mathematics assessments.	Approved – written parental consent not required
Job Corps	Federal Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); Title Programs	Federal Education Program; State Education Programs	Approved – written parental consent not required
CO Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K) – Kindergarten School Readiness (KSR) data collection	Passed in 2008, SB 08-212 requires all state funded preschool and kindergarten students have an individual readiness plan. CAP4K requires districts to report data to CDE.	Approved – written parental consent not required
Career and Technical Act (CTA) and CTE Reporting	CRS 23-8-101; State Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
Independent Auditors/Internal Auditors	§200.336 CO statute requires access to any documents needed to fulfill auditing requirements. This would include free and reduced-price school meal applications.	Approved – written parental consent not required

For non-approved programs, Parent/Guardian can opt out of the sharing of information through a free and reduced-price meal application/FEDS form or separate consent form. See the updated Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application template.

In all instances, eligibility information can only be released to persons directly connected with the approved program. School Nutrition encourages the use of [Disclosure Agreements](#) for all parties receiving eligibility information.

Penalties for Improper Disclosure: *The NSLA at section 9 (b)(6)(C) establishes a fine of not more than \$1000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, for publishing, divulging, disclosing, or making known in any manner or extent not authorized by Federal law, any eligibility information. This includes the disclosure of eligibility information by one entity authorized under the NSLA to receive the information to any other entity, even if that entity would otherwise be authorized to receive the information directly from the determining agency.*

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

- Eligibility Manual for School Meals: https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cn/SP36_CACFP15_SFSP11-2017a1.pdf
- USDA Disclosure Memos: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources?keywords=Disclosure>