

# School Meal Eligibility Release of Information

*for Federal and State Programs*

<b>Program Title</b>	<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Approved for Release of Eligibility Status</b>
<b>District/School Fees (excluding transportation fees)</b>	Any reduction/waiving of local school/district fees	Not Approved – written parental consent required
<b>Accelerate College Opportunity Exam Fee Grant Program</b>	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
<b>Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program</b>	Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159)	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>District Transportation Fees</b>	Per CO Revised Statute 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
<b>Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Fee Grant Program</b>	Per CO Revised Statute 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
<b>October 1 Count</b>	Colorado per pupil funding; Required state education program report	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>CoAlt: DLM</b>	Colorado Student Assessment Alternate – Dynamic Learning Maps; Required state education program assessment	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Access for ELLS</b>	Colorado English Language Assessment	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Gear Up</b>	Federally Funded Grant Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers</b>	Federally Funded Grant Program	Approved – written parental consent not required

<b>National Assessment of Educational Programs (NAEP)</b>	Federal Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Colorado Preschool Program and ECARE</b>	State of Colorado education preschool program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>UIP – Unified Improvement Plan</b>	Federal and State Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>College Board – SAT</b>	Non-profit organization that administers college readiness tests; considered a state education program under CO Accountability requirements	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT)</b>	Non-profit organization that administers college readiness tests; considered a state education program under CO Accountability requirements	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners for Assessment and Readiness of College and Careers (PARCC)</li> <li>Science and Social Studies</li> </ul>	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
<b>Job Corps</b>	Federal Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA); Title Programs</b>	Federal Education Program; State Education Programs	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>CO Achievement Plan for Kids (CAP4K) – Kindergarten School Readiness (KSR) data collection</b>	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
<b>Career and Technical Act (CTA) and CTE Reporting</b>	CRS 23-8-101; State Education Program	Approved – written parental consent not required
<b>Independent Auditors/Internal Auditors</b>	§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

Updated as of April 16, 2021: 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](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>