

Good morning,

We have received a few questions about how SFAs should report the F/R/Pd lunch status for student this School Year. With the transition from NSLP to SFSP, all MS public school students are now eating “free”. Also, the number of applications received by SFAs was affected by COVID-19 related events, such as later start dates, and the USDA flexibilities. As such, F/R data this year will not accurately report the NSLP eligibility of students.

After discussions with the MDE OTSS, **SFAs may report all students as “Free”**. We hope this will streamline the data entry and avoid unnecessary efforts on your part.

Thanks,
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