

2018-2019 Texas Education Data Standards Section 8.2.4 – PEIMS Student Category Data Submission Requirements Addendum Version 2019.2.0

ECONOMIC-DISADVANTAGE-CODE (E0785) indicates the student's economic disadvantage status.

Each Texas public school that is required to report student enrollment data through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) is required to determine and report the economic disadvantaged status of each student reported.

For schools that offer the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP), there are three options for accounting and claiming for meals served to students.

- Standard Accounting and Claiming of NSLP and SBP - Corresponds to TSDS NSLP Type Code '01'.
- Provision 2 of NSLP and SBP – Corresponds to TSDS NSLP Type Code '02'.
- Community Eligibility Program (CEP) of NSLP and SBP – Corresponds to TSDS NSLP Type Code '03'.

Regardless of the level of participation in a school lunch program, LEAs determine the economic disadvantaged status of each student each school year upon enrollment. There are multiple methods that LEAs use to determine the Economic Disadvantaged status for enrolled students.

For LEAs that are using the Standard Accounting and Claiming option, campuses are required to distribute and retrieve the official NSLP application forms for each family enrolling students in the school to determine the Economic Disadvantaged Code status for each student. From the forms that are returned, a student is reported as either Eligible for a Free Lunch (01), Eligible for a Reduced Price Lunch (02), or Not identified As Economically Disadvantaged (00). Each month, these schools submit a report to the Texas Department of Agriculture indicating of the highest number of eligible Free and Reduced Price NSLP students as well as information related to number of Free and reduced Price meals served to the school population.

For LEAs that are using the Provision 2 NSLP option, campuses distribute and retrieve the official NSLP application forms, for each family enrolling students in the school, in the first year of operation only. From the forms that are returned for the initial year, or base year, of the Provision 2 program, a student is identified and reported as either Eligible for a Free Lunch, Eligible for a Reduced Price Lunch, or Not identified As Economically Disadvantaged. For the second and subsequent years of a Provision 2 NSLP program, schools must use a locally developed "Income Survey Form" to determine the economic disadvantaged status of students new to the LEA and students that have withdrawn and returned to enrollment in the second and subsequent schools years of a Provision 2 NSLP program. All new students identified as economically disadvantaged in the second and subsequent years of a Provision 2 program must be reported with Economic Disadvantaged Code '99' – Other Economic Disadvantaged. All students who are not identified as economically disadvantaged at for any school year during the Provision 2 program are reported with Economic Disadvantaged Code '00' - Not identified As Economically Disadvantaged.

A locally developed "Income Survey Form" must be used because the NSLP does not permit Provision 2 participants to distribute the NSLP Application Form until the Provision 2 cycles are ended and the school re-surveys all of the enrolled students to establish a new base year rate. The income criteria for the local "Income Survey Form" corresponds to the income criteria from the standard NSLP application. Students that remain enrolled in the LEA with continuous enrollment will carry over their base year Economic Disadvantaged Code determination for each subsequent school year that they remain enrolled. The percentage of Free and Reduced Price eligible students of the school enrollment in the first year of the Provision 2 cycle establishes the base year reimbursement rate. The base year reimbursement rate is in effect until the school is required or exercises the option to establish a new reimbursement and resurveys the total school enrollment population establishing a new base year.

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The CEP NSLP option does not permit schools to distribute and retrieve the official NSLP application forms for each family enrolling students in the school. Instead, a NSLP reimbursement rate is established using the number of eligible students identified from the LEA's direct certification list as provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Each student that is identified as eligible from the direct certification list is reported as Economic Disadvantaged Code 01 - Eligible for a Free Lunch. For each student that is not identified as a match to the direct certification list, the school should distribute a locally developed "Income Survey Form" and survey each student for economic disadvantaged status. Each student that is determined to be economically disadvantaged should be reported as a '99' - Other Economic Disadvantaged and each student that is not determined to be economically disadvantaged should be reported as '00' - Not identified As Economically Disadvantaged.

Public school districts and charter schools that do not participate in the NSLP are not able to distribute and retrieve the official NSLP application forms for each family enrolling students in the school.

Regardless of the kind of NSLP offered by a Texas public school, students who are determined to be eligible for a free lunch by virtue of being on a direct certification list as provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture should be coded with Economic Disadvantaged Code 01 – "Eligible For Free Meals Under The National School Lunch And Child Nutrition Program". For the 2014–2015 school year Economic Disadvantaged Code 01 should be interpreted to mean "Student is eligible for free lunch based on an approved NSLP application or direct certification under the NSLP". Students who are found on a direct certification list are categorically eligible for a free lunch under the NSLP.

Regardless of the kind of NSLP offered by a Texas public school, students who are reported as Economic Disadvantaged Code 02 – "Eligible For Reduced-price Meals Under The National School Lunch And Child Nutrition Program" must be determined as eligible with an approved NSLP application. No exceptions exist for this rule.

Any other student who is determined to be economically disadvantaged through a means other than an official NSLP application or direct certification under the NSLP should be coded Economic Disadvantaged Code 99 – "Other Economic Disadvantage". This would include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) students, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) students, and any other student who may be determined to be economically disadvantaged through the use of locally developed income survey forms. Examples include, but are not limited to, Pre-Kindergarten eligibility applications related to economic disadvantage status, migrant students, runaway students, and homeless students. Schools that do not offer the NSLP to enrolled students must code all students as either 00 – "Not identified As Economically Disadvantaged" or 99 – "Other Economic Disadvantage" based on the results of a locally developed income survey form.

For Submission 1: ECONOMIC-DISADVANTAGE-CODE is reported based on a student's status as follows:

- AS-OF-STATUS-CODEs B, D, and F – report student's status as of the PEIMS Fall snapshot date;
- AS-OF-STATUS-CODEs C, E, and G – report student's last status in the current year;
- AS-OF-STATUS-CODE A – report student's last status from the prior year

For Submission 3:

ECONOMIC-DISADVANTAGE-CODE is reported based on a student's last status at the end of the school year or at the end of the student's enrollment period; whichever comes last.

For Submission 4:

ECONOMIC-DISADVANTAGE-CODE is not reported.