

INFORMATION SHEET



Guidance for At-risk funding 2021-22

72-5132. Same; definitions. As used in the Kansas school equity and enhancement act, K.S.A. 72-5131 et seq., and amendments thereto:

(c)(1) "At-risk student" means a student who is eligible for free meals under the national school lunch act, and who is enrolled in a school district that maintains an approved at-risk student assistance program.

The free meal application provided by USDA is not required to be filled out by parents in order to be eligible for free meals served during the 2021-22 school year. The application may be necessary for students qualifying for Pandemic-Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT).

School districts that choose to use the 2021-22 Household Economic Survey to determine whether a student is eligible for at risk funding must follow the steps below.

1. The Household Economic Survey must be filled out completely.
2. The total income for all the people in the household must be filled in.
3. The parent must sign and date the application which would be either signed by hand or the school must have an electronic signature block if completing the form online.
4. The school should inform the parent that verification of their income could be requested.
5. Families must meet the eligibility income guidelines on the September 20th count date per KSA 72-5152 shown below.

72-5152. Same; adjustment of at-risk student enrollment. (a) If a student submits an application for free meals under the national school lunch act on or before the date on which the enrollment of the school district is calculated and it is later determined by the school district or the department of education that the student should not have been eligible for free meals, the school district or the department shall notify the state board of such determination. Except as provided in subsection (b), upon receipt of such notice, the state board shall recompute the adjusted enrollment of the school district and the general fund budget of the school district based on the adjusted enrollment of the school district excluding the at-risk student weighting and high-density at-risk student weighting, if any, assigned to such student.



(b) If a student becomes ineligible to receive free meals under the national school lunch act for failure to submit, in a timely manner, any documentation necessary for verification of eligibility as required by the national school lunch act, but subsequently submits such documentation, such student shall not be excluded from the calculation of the adjusted enrollment of the school district if the school district forwards a copy of such documentation to the state board no later than January 14 of the school year.

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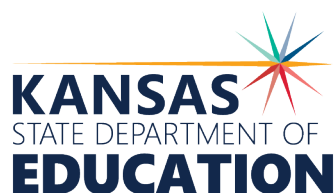
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