

Student Eligibility and 30-day Carryover for SY 2024-2025

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In accordance with 7 CFR 245.6(c)(1-2) eligibility carryover allows children to maintain their eligibility status from the prior school year for up to 30 operating days into the subsequent school year. An operating day is defined as a day that reimbursable meals are offered to eligible students under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP).

Eligibility carryover has different rules depending on how NSLP (standard or special provision option) was administered in school year (SY) 2023-2024. Please refer to the [Student Eligibility and 30-day Carryover Chart](#) to see how eligibility carryover will affect your schools in SY 2024-2025.

When indicating Meal Status in eSchool students should be coded with their carryover eligibility, if applicable, during the first 30 operating days or until a new eligibility has been established. On the 31st operating day of SY 2024-2025, carryover from the previous year will expire and the Meal Status in eSchool must be updated to reflect these changes.

All districts should use the [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#) when determining and verifying eligibility.

If you have questions, please contact the CNU at 501-324-9502.