



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
State Board
of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
District I

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
District II

RE: New Direct Certification Medicaid PowerSchool Lunch Codes

Stephanie Bell
District III

As announced December 16, 2021, Alabama is one of eight states selected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to participate in a demonstration project to evaluate the impact of using Medicaid eligibility data to directly certify students. The goal of this project is to expand direct certification of children receiving Medicaid benefits to receive **free and reduced priced school meals**. The project should also facilitate streamlined access to the school meals programs, as well as increase program integrity.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV
Vice President

In an ongoing effort to provide up-to-date student eligibility data to schools within your district, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is working with PowerSchool to import official lunch codes. The 2022-2023 PowerSchool Lunch Codes release will be available for import by local education agencies (LEAs) on July 1, 2022. The new meal status codes will be pushed to PowerSchool and posted on the Break for a Plate website at the following link: [PowerSchool Lunch Codes - Break for a Plate](#).

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
District V

Please review the attached New Direct Certification Medicaid PowerSchool Lunch Codes thoroughly for guidance. Program Operators should direct any questions concerning this guidance to the School Programs staff at (334) 694-4657 or email at cnpslp@alsde.edu.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
District VI

Belinda McRae
District VII

EGM/NS/MA

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
District VIII
President Pro Tem

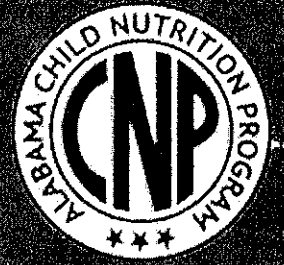
cc: Child Nutrition Directors

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Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer



Alabama State Department of Education PowerSchool Lunch Codes



Lunch Code

- 1 FREE
- 2 REDUCED
- 3 PAID
- 4 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (SNAP)
- 5 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (TANF)
- 6 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (FDPIR)
- 7 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (FOSTER)
- 8 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (EXTENDED – SNAP)
- 9 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (EXTENDED – TANF)
- 10 N/A
- 11 FREE BASED ON DIRECT CERTIFICATION (SCHIP)
- 12 FREE BASED ON HOMELESS DESIGNATION
- 13 FREE BASED ON MIGRANT DESIGNATION
- 14 FREE BASED ON RUNAWAY DESIGNATION
- 15 FREE BASED ON FOSTER - COUNTY DHR FOSTER LETTER
- 16 FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID
- 17 FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID REDUCED
- 18 FREE BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID EXTENDED
- 19 REDUCED BASED DIRECT CERTIFICATION MEDICAID EXTENDED
- 20 PARENT DECLINED SERVICES – CHANGED TO PAID
- 99 TEMP DC