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Basis for Eligibility in Prior School Year	Criteria for Carry-Over of Prior School Year's Eligibility Status
Household Application for Child Nutrition Program Benefits	
<p>The student was eligible for reduced price or free meals based on household size and income reported on an approved Application for CNP Benefits.</p>	<p>The student is eligible for reduced price or free meals for the first 30 operating days in the current school year UNLESS during that period a new eligibility determination is made based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that the student is currently directly certified <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application received from the student's parent/guardian
Direct Certification	
<p>The student was approved for free meals based on any one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for Food Assistance (formerly Food Stamps) or Temporary Assistance for Families (TAF) as certified by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) • Eligible for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) as certified by a local tribal official • Participant in Head Start, Even Start, or Early Even Start as certified by an official of one of these programs • Certified as runaway or homeless by the local educational liaison or a homeless shelter official • Certified as migrant by a migrant recruiter 	<p>The student is eligible for free meals for the first 30 operating days in the current school year (<u>even if the student is not on a new direct certification list for the current school year</u>) UNLESS during that period a new eligibility determination is made based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation that the student is currently directly certified <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application received from the student's parent/guardian
Temporary Approval	
<p>The student was temporarily approved for reduced price or free meals because the household's application reported zero income or temporary income.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prior year's eligibility status does carry-over if the temporary approval was in effect at the end of the school year. • The prior year's eligibility status does <u>not</u> carry-over if the temporary approval was not in effect at the end of the school year.