

# Determine Site Eligibility

## Summer Food Service Program



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

## Determine Area Eligibility: Open & Closed-enrolled Sites

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### Census Data

**FNS Area Eligibility Mapper:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/areaeligibility>

To determine if a site is area eligible based on Census Data, click the link above. Enter the site address in the search box in the upper right corner. If the site location is highlighted in **red**, the site is **area eligible**. If the site location is highlighted in **blue**, the site is **not area eligible**. Use the percentage of 0-18 year olds eligible for free or reduced price meals to document eligibility.

### School Free & Reduced Data

**Colorado Department of Education:** [Pk-12 Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility by School](#)

To determine if a site is area eligible based on School Free & Reduced data, click the link above and select the PK-12 Free and Reduced Lunch file. Search for the school in the attendance area of the site. If the school's free and reduced percentage (farthest column on the right) is 50% or above, the site qualifies as area eligible.

Note: The school in closest proximity to the site may not be the school in the attendance area of the site. Contact the school district if you are unsure of the attendance area or visit the district's website for their boundary map. You can also utilize the Capacity Builder [Map](#) and select School Districts under Layers to identify school district boundaries.

- Census and school data qualify a site as eligible for 5 years.

## Determine Eligibility: Camp & Closed-enrolled Sites

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### Household Income Applications

#### **Camp sites**

Camps must collect and maintain individual household applications. Camps are reimbursed only for those enrolled children who meet the free or reduced-price eligibility standards.

#### **Closed-enrolled sites**

If a closed-enrolled site is not area eligible, individual household applications may be used to determine eligibility. The site is eligible if at least half of the enrolled children qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

- Income applications qualify a site as eligible for 1 year.

## Site Eligibility Overview

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THE SITE IS:	IF:	BASED ON:
<b>OPEN</b>	At least 50 percent of children in the area are eligible for free or reduced price school meals (area eligible).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School data</li><li>• Census data</li></ul>
<b>CLOSED ENROLLED</b>	At least 50 percent of the children enrolled in the program are eligible for free or reduced price school meals or the site is area eligible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• School data</li><li>• Census data</li><li>• Income eligibility forms or list of income eligible children provided by the school district</li></ul>
<b>CAMP</b>	A residential or non-residential day camp program which offers a regularly scheduled food service as part of an organized program for enrolled children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Income eligibility forms or list of income eligible children provided by the school district</li></ul>

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