

MEMORANDUM NO. 2022-014

TO: School District Superintendents
Title I Grant Managers
Consolidated Grant Managers
Business Managers
Food Service Directors

FROM: Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: January 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Meal Pattern Flexibility In The Summer Food Service Program and The School Lunch Program

POVERTY DATA COLLECTION OPTIONS FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

The US Department of Education has released a [fact sheet](#) that offers state educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) the option to implement it's federal programs during school years (SY) 2021-22 and 2022-23 when complete National School Lunch Program (NSLP) data from SYs 2020-21 and 2021-22 are not available due to participation in U.S. Department of Agriculture waivers.

LEAs would ordinarily use NSLP data collected during the 2021-22 SY to implement Title I, Part A for the 2022-23 SY. To the extent that NSLP data from SYs 2020-21 and 2021-22 are not available, options available to an LEA for its within-LEA allocations in SYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 include using:

1. Medicaid or TANF data or a composite of data from these two sources from SY 2020-21 for SY 2021-22 within-LEA allocations or from SY 2021-22 for SY 2022-23 within-LEA allocations;
2. The best available NSLP data, which could be pre-pandemic data from SY 2019-20;
3. NSLP data from SY 2020-21 or SY 2021-22 that may be accessible;

4. A combination of the best available NSLP data from SYs 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22;
5. A composite of the NSLP, Medicaid, and TANF data listed in the previous bullets; or
6. Data from a poverty survey conducted by the SEA or LEA that replicate NSLP, Medicaid, or TANF data.

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