



Disclosure Requirements

The National School Lunch Act (NSLA) allows persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of certain programs or activities to have access to children’s eligibility information. The following table, Disclosure, shows the circumstances for disclosing eligibility information. Local education agencies (LEAs) with concerns or questions about disclosing children’s eligibility information should contact their State agency for further guidance.

Disclosure		
Recipient of Information	What May be Disclosed	Requirements
Programs under the NSLA or CNA	<i>All eligibility information</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
Comptroller General of the United States for purposes of audit and examination	<i>All eligibility information</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
Federal, State, or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violations of any of the programs under the NSLA and CNA or investigating violations of any of the programs that are authorized to have access to names and eligibility status	<i>All eligibility information</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
Federal, State, or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP	<i>Eligibility status only</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
Federal education programs	<i>Eligibility status only</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
State education programs administered by a State agency or LEA	<i>Eligibility status only</i>	<i>Prior notice and consent not required.</i>
State health programs other than Medicaid or CHIP, administered by a State agency or LEA	<i>Eligibility status only</i>	<i>Prior notice required. Prior consent not required.</i>
Medicaid or CHIP, administered by a State or local agency authorized under titles XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act to identify and enroll eligible children	<i>All eligibility information unless parents or guardians elect not to have information disclosed</i>	<i>Must give parents and guardians prior notice and an opportunity to decline to have their information disclosed.</i>
Local education programs	<i>No eligibility information, unless parental or guardian consent is obtained</i>	<i>Parental or guardian consent.</i>
Federal health programs other than Medicaid or CHIP	<i>No eligibility information, unless parental or guardian consent is obtained</i>	<i>Parental or guardian consent.</i>
Local health programs	<i>No eligibility information, unless parental or guardian consent is obtained</i>	<i>Parental or guardian consent.</i>

This table is modified from the *Disclosure* table (pgs. 86-87) in USDA’s [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#).