

Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data for School Meal Programs

The Child Nutrition Program (CNP) section of the Alabama State Department of Education is in the process of ensuring compliance with federal civil rights regulations in School Meal Programs. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) require all School Meal Program sponsors to collect race and ethnicity data of applicants and participants.

To meet this requirement, School Meal Program sponsors must notify applicants and participants that the purpose for collecting race and ethnicity data is to determine how effectively School Meal Programs are reaching potentially eligible students. Notifications must be posted on local School Food Authority or school websites no later than October 1, 2023. This information has no effect on eligibility.

Race and Ethnicity Data for Marengo County Schools:

American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	
Asian	1	
Black/African American	574	(62%)
White/Caucasian	344	(37%)
Two or More Races	9	

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