

RACIAL & ETHNICITY DATA COLLECTION

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

To meet this requirement, the School Meal Program Sponsors must notify applicants and participants of the following:

1. The purpose of collecting race and ethnicity data is to determine how effectively School Meal Programs are reaching potentially eligible students
2. Provision of this data is voluntary
3. Responses are kept confidential
4. Responses have no effect on eligibility

If there are any questions, feel free to contact Tonya Wingfield, Marengo County Schools Child Nutrition Program Director at phone# 334.295.2234 or email: twingfield@marengo.k12.al.us

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