

# MARSS Translation Logic for School Food Service

MDE has fielded many questions from vendors on direct certification for School Food Service. Please note that our implementation is not just a direct translation of the MARSS codes. Instead, direct certification is a top-level element within the StudentSchoolFoodServiceProgramAssociation resource. This is in the Ed-Fi core spec. We described this on page 4 of the [Vendor Update document](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2Fmn-mde-edfi%2FMDE-EdFi-Documentation%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2F2022-23%2520MDE%2520Ed-Fi%2520Documentation%2FMDE%25202022-2023%2520School%2520Year%2520Ed-FI%2520Collection%2520Updates.docx&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Dolbow%40state.mn.us%7C35a8cb9d8a8741e765de08da87a9e0b1%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c2159828c%7C0%7C0%7C637971460929683899%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5zQlnho8V4OTNGyHwnu70fyzV%2BQ2YazluPVcX1bxGc4%3D&reserved=0), we refer to the Direct Certification Element [inside the certification scenario](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2Fmn-mde-edfi%2FMDE-EdFi-Documentation%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2Fsandbox_cert_c_spas.md%23resource-studentschoolfoodserviceprogramassociation&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Dolbow%40state.mn.us%7C35a8cb9d8a8741e765de08da87a9e0b1%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c2159828c%7C0%7C0%7C637971460929683899%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Cif31%2FsjCQd2%2FQv3xkQa%2FCMe6%2BY20zw0UtLBUaCGHDs%3D&reserved=0) (see the new for 22-23 section), and we have a [sample JSON file available](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgithub.com%2Fmn-mde-edfi%2FMDE-EdFi-Documentation%2Fblob%2Fmaster%2Fdata%2F2022-2023%2520Extensions%2FStudentSchoolFoodServiceProgramAssociations.json&data=05%7C01%7CMike.Dolbow%40state.mn.us%7C35a8cb9d8a8741e765de08da87a9e0b1%7Ceb14b04624c445198f26b89c2159828c%7C0%7C0%7C637971460929683899%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZKCueEqzD3AHy8tBlPTAQNXf%2Fzj5QS5XE0h6XkszcBI%3D&reserved=0). Now we are including this document for quick reference.

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| **Requirement** | **MARSS Data Collection** | **Ed-Fi Data Collection: Details of StudentSchoolFoodServiceProgramAssociation** |
| Ineligible for free or reduced price meals | economicIndicator = 0 | No Association for student |
| Eligible for reduced price meals | economicIndicator = 1 | SchoolFoodServiceProgramServiceDescriptor = 1  DirectCertification = False or NULL |
| Eligible for free meals | economicIndicator = 2 | SchoolFoodServiceProgramServiceDescriptor = 2  DirectCertification = False or NULL |
| Direct-certified for free meals | economicIndicator = 7 | SchoolFoodServiceProgramServiceDescriptor = 2  DirectCertification = True |
| Direct-certified for reduced price meals | economicIndicator = 8 | SchoolFoodServiceProgramServiceDescriptor = 1  DirectCertification = True |