

# 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://github.com/mn-mde-edfi/MDE-EdFi-Documentation/blob/master/2022-23%20MDE%20Ed-Fi%20Documentation/MDE%202022-2023%20School%20Year%20Ed-FI%20Collection%20Updates.docx), we refer to the Direct Certification Element [inside the certification scenario](https://github.com/mn-mde-edfi/MDE-EdFi-Documentation/blob/master/sandbox_cert_c_spas.md#resource-studentschoolfoodserviceprogramassociation), and we have a [sample JSON file available](https://github.com/mn-mde-edfi/MDE-EdFi-Documentation/blob/master/data/2022-2023%20Extensions/StudentSchoolFoodServiceProgramAssociations.json). 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 |