

## **Notice for Reporting Socioeconomic Status in the Student Information System and Other State or Federal Programs**

This Notice is being provided to assist schools and districts in reporting income status (FRL/Low Income) for students in their schools or districts that:

- **Do not** participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or
- **Do** participate in the Community Eligibility Option Program (CEO) under the NSLP

The purpose of this Notice is to provide schools and districts that meet one of the above criteria with information about how they may collect household/student socioeconomic information for state or federal programs that may require such information.

### **Collection of Socioeconomic Status**

Numerous state and federal programs utilize household/student income eligibility status at an aggregate as well as individual level. Attached is an Income Benefit Application Form to assist schools and districts that do not participate in the NSLP or that do participate in the CEO program under the NSLP.

This form may be provided to all households/students for whom the school/district does not already have income eligibility information. The socioeconomic data determined by use of this Income Benefit Application Form can be used to indicate the socioeconomic status of individual students in the Student Information System (SIS), other state and federal programs, assessments, and fee waivers.

In utilizing the income information provided by each household/student, the school/district should determine socioeconomic status by utilizing the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for School Year 2012, located at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/notices/iegs/iegs.htm>.

If you have questions regarding this Notice or the determination of socioeconomic status based on the Income Benefit Application Form, please contact the Public Information Division at the Illinois State Board of Education, phone number 217-782-4648 (Matt Vanover).