

BEWARE the APP GAP!

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Reasons Why Free-and-Reduced Meal Applications are Still Essential for Your District



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Household income survey

Free-and-reduced meal applications can also serve as a district household income survey, assisting your schools in qualifying for federal and state programs.



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Title I funding

Districts and states tie free-and-reduced school meal application counts to Title I funding eligibility and allocation.



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Data continuity

Data gaps create blind spots. Continuously gathering data reveals trends and accurately documents circumstances.



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Additional family benefits

Families can use free-and-reduced meal status to qualify for additional programs, such as reduced school and activity fees in your district, housing benefits, and more.



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Family hesitancy

Families allowed to skip free-and-reduced meal applications one year may balk when asked to complete them the next year.