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Overview of Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), under the direction of the State Board of Education, administers six Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs. These programs include the:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP);
- School Breakfast Program (SBP);
- After School Snack Program (ASSP);
- Seamless Summer Option for Summer Meals (SSO);
- Special Milk Program (SMP); and the
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

The Federal-State Agreement between the NCDPI and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) stipulates the department will administer these programs in all public and private schools, public and private residential child care institutions, non-residential institutions, service institutions and non-profit summer camps. The agreement also stipulates the NCDPI will comply with the all statutes, program regulations, FNS Instructions, policy memoranda, guidance and other written directives interpreting the program statutes and regulations applicable to the programs listed above. Funds for administrative oversight of these programs are provided to the department by the USDA through State Administrative Expense (SAE) funds.

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program for students attending public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions. The NSLP provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost, free lunches and subsidized meals to students of high school grade or under during the school day. School districts, charter schools, non-public schools, residential child care facilities and other approved institutions operating these programs are called School Food Authorities (SFA) since these entities have authority over and responsibility for the operation of the program within the schools, sites, and/or institutions under its jurisdiction. SFAs that choose to take part in the NSLP receive cash subsidies and USDA foods (formerly known as commodities) for each meal they serve. In return, the SFA must serve lunches that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced-price lunches to eligible children.

School lunches must meet the applicable recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which recommend that no more than 30 percent of an

individual's calories come from fat, and less than 10 percent from saturated fat. Regulations also establish a standard for school lunches to provide one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowances of protein, Vitamin A, Vitamin C, iron, calcium, and calories. School lunches must meet Federal nutrition requirements, but decisions about what specific foods to serve and how they are prepared are made by the local SFAs.

The NSLP is available to any child enrolled in a participating SFA. Any child may purchase a meal through the NSLP. Children from families with incomes at or below 130 percent of the poverty level are eligible for free meals. Those with incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the poverty level are eligible for reduced-price meals, for which students can be charged no more than 40 cents.

The federal income eligibility guidelines for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines – July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Household Size	ANNUAL		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price	Free	Reduced Price
1	14,157	20,147	1,180	1,679	590	840	545	775	273	388
2	19,123	27,214	1,594	2,268	797	1,134	736	1,047	368	524
3	24,089	34,281	2,008	2,857	1,004	1,429	927	1,319	464	660
4	29,055	41,348	2,422	3,446	1,211	1,723	1,118	1,591	559	796
5	34,021	48,415	2,836	4,035	1,418	2,018	1,309	1,863	655	932
6	38,987	55,482	3,249	4,624	1,625	2,312	1,500	2,134	750	1,067
7	43,953	62,549	3,663	5,213	1,832	2,607	1,691	2,406	846	1,203
8	48,919	69,616	4,077	5,802	2,039	2,901	1,882	2,678	941	1,339
For each additional household member										
	4,966	7,067	414	589	207	295	191	272	96	136

Children from families with incomes over 185 percent of poverty pay a full price, though their meals are still subsidized to some extent by Federal funds. The cost of meals to paying students is established annually by the local Board of Education. While local Boards of Education set their own prices for full-price (paid) meals, the Boards must operate the SFA's Child Nutrition Programs on a non-profit basis.

Most of the support USDA provides to SFAs that operate the NSLP comes in the form of a cash reimbursement for each meal served. If a SFA served less than sixty percent free and reduced-price lunches during the second preceding school year, schools are reimbursed on a regular or non-severe need reimbursement rate. SFAs that served more than sixty percent free and reduced-price lunches during the second preceding school year are eligible for a slightly higher "severe need" rate. The current (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) cash reimbursement rates are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: NSLP Cash Reimbursement Rates for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Reimbursement based on Student Eligibility	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need
Free Lunch	\$2.77	\$2.79
Reduced-Price Lunch	\$2.37	\$2.39
Paid Lunch	\$.26	\$.28

In addition to cash reimbursements, schools are entitled by law to receive USDA foods, called "entitlement" foods, at a value of 22.25 cents for each meal served in Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

School Breakfast Program

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in the same schools and institutions as the NSLP and in the same manner as the NSLP. In the SBP, SFAs receive cash subsidies from the USDA for each meal they serve. In return, the SFA must serve breakfasts that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced-price breakfasts to eligible children.

Like school lunches, school breakfasts must meet the applicable recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. In addition, breakfasts must provide one-fourth of the Recommended Dietary Allowance for protein, calcium, iron, Vitamin A, Vitamin C and calories. The decisions about what specific food to serve, how they are prepared and the type of meal service are made by local SFAs.

The eligibility criteria for the NSLP are the same for the SBP. All children enrolled in a school that is approved to provide the SBP school may participate in the program. Students may purchase breakfast at the paid rate, at the reduced-

price rate or they may receive free breakfast based on income eligibility. Income eligibility is based on household size and income as shown in the Table 1. Students eligible for reduced-price meals can be charged no more than 30 cents for breakfast. The local Board of Education determines the price of the breakfast meal for the paying student.

Most of the support USDA provides to schools in the School Breakfast Program comes in the form of a cash reimbursement for each breakfast served. Schools may qualify for higher severe need reimbursements if 40% or more of their lunches are served free or at a reduced-price in the second preceding year. The current (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) cash reimbursement rates for the SBP are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: SBP Cash Reimbursement Rates for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Reimbursement based on Student Eligibility	Non-Severe Need	Severe Need
Free Breakfast	\$1.51	\$1.81
Reduced-Price Breakfast	\$1.21	\$1.50
Paid Breakfast	\$.27	\$.27

After School Snack Program

The After School Snack Program (ASSP) is a federally assisted snack program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions for students 18 years of age and under. The ASSP operates in a manner similar to the NSLP and SBP; schools and/or institutions that choose to take part in the snack program receive cash subsidies from the USDA for each snack they serve. In return, they must serve snacks that meet Federal requirements, and they must offer free or reduced-price snacks to eligible children. All snacks must include required meal components in minimum specified amounts.

In order for a school, site or institution to participate, the SFA must be approved to operate the NSLP. All ASSP schools, sites or institutions must provide an after school care program which includes regularly scheduled educational or enrichment activities in a supervised environment.

After school snacks are provided to children on the same income eligibility basis as school meals (free, reduced-price or paid). However, a school, site or institution is considered to be area eligible if it is located at a school (or in the attendance area of a school) where at least 50 percent of the enrolled children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals may serve all their snacks to students free of charge. Schools, sites or institutions participating in the ASSP are eligible for cash reimbursements for snacks served to students. The ASSP reimbursement rates are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: ASSP cash reimbursement rates for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Reimbursement based on Student Eligibility	Non-Area Eligible	Area Eligible
Free Snack	\$.76	\$.76
Reduced-Price Snack	\$.38	\$.76
Paid Snack	\$.07	\$.76

Seamless Summer Option for Summer Meals

School districts participating in the NSLP or SBP are eligible to participate in the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) which enables them to serve summer meals free of charge to children, 18 years and under, from low-income areas. The SSO is a formalized extension of the NSLP and SBP, but unlike the NSLP and SBP, the SSO may be operated in schools as well as various community sites that are convenient to limited-resource communities. The types of school and community sites are:

Open sites: all children receive meals at no charge in communities where at least 50 percent of the children are eligible for free/reduced-price school meals;

Restricted open sites: sites that meet the open site criteria, explained above, but are later restricted for safety, control, or security reasons;

Closed enrolled sites: may be in any community for an enrolled group of low-income children and meets the 50 percent criteria explained above; this excludes academic summer schools;

Migrant sites: sites that serve serving children of migrant families; and

Camps: residential or non-residential camps.

The same NSLP and SBP regulations apply for meal components, nutrition standards and meal service in the SSO. Meals served in the SSO are reimbursed at the free rate for all eligible schools and sites.

Special Milk Program

The Special Milk Program (SMP) provides milk to children in schools, residential child care institutions and eligible camps that do not participate in other Federally-funded Child Nutrition programs. The program reimburses schools and institutions for the milk they serve. Schools that participate in the NSLP and SBP may also participate in the SMP to provide milk to children in half-day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs where children do not have access to the school meal programs.

Participating schools and institutions receive reimbursement from the USDA for each half pint of milk served. Schools and institutions must operate the SMP on a non-profit basis and must agree to use the Federal reimbursement to reduce the selling price of milk to all children.

Any child at a participating school or half-day pre-kindergarten program can get milk through the SMP. Children may buy milk or receive it free, depending upon the school's choice of program options.

Schools or institutions must offer only pasteurized fluid types of unflavored or flavored fat free or low-fat (1%) fluid milk. These milks must meet all State and local standards and must contain vitamins A and D at levels specified by the Food and Drug Administration.

When local school officials offer free milk under the program to low-income children, any child from a family that meets income guidelines for free meals is eligible. Each child's family must apply annually for free milk eligibility.

The Federal reimbursement for each half-pint of milk sold to children in School Year 2011-2012 is 20.50 cents. For students who receive their milk free, the USDA reimburses schools the net purchase price of the milk.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

In 2004, the NCDPI was one of four state education agencies selected to pilot a new USDA program that was intended to increase fresh fruit and vegetable consumption among students during the school day. At that time, the department was awarded approximately 1 million dollars annually, to be distributed among 25 schools for the purpose of offering fresh fruit and vegetable snacks to students in NC's public schools. The pilot program was quite successful and the program demonstrated an effective, affordable and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables, many of which are locally-grown, to students as healthy snack options. As a result, the FFVP was subsequently authorized as a permanent program in 2008. Since 2008, funding for the FFVP and the number of participating schools has increased significantly as shown in Table 5.

Table 5: FFVP Expansion since 2008

Year	Number of Schools	Total FFVP Funds	Number of Students
2008 – 2009	32	\$1,149,963	14,335
2009 - 2010	65	\$1,772,871	27,679
2010 - 2011	106	\$2,707,078	47,600
2011 - 2012	169	\$3,940,380	74,032

Currently, SFAs that operate the NSLP are eligible to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). Individual schools apply to participate in the FFVP by completing an application and brief proposal describing allowable activities. The authorizing legislation for the FF&VP requires that elementary schools with the highest percentages of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals be given priority for participation in the FFVP. In accordance with USDA guidance, this is the key selection criterion, which ensures the FFVP benefits low-income children that generally have fewer opportunities to consume fresh fruits and vegetables on a regular basis. These criteria may not be waived to give all schools in all grade levels an equal chance to participate in the FFVP or to provide geographic dispersion.

Funds must be distributed on a per pupil basis; the allocation per student must range between \$50.00 - \$75.00 in accordance with USDA guidance. The fresh fruits and vegetables provided through the FFVP must be served separately from the school breakfast or lunch meal, in one or more areas of the school during the instructional day. FFVP snacks are most frequently served in the classroom while appropriate instruction is being provided for students. The FFVP also encourages schools to develop partnerships at the State and local level for support in implementing, operating and sustaining the program.

Procedures for Participating in the Child Nutrition Programs

All public and private schools, public and private residential child care institutions, non-residential institutions, service institutions and non-profit summer camps that serve students of high school grade or lower are eligible to apply to become a School Food Authority (SFA) to operate the Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs administered by the NCDPI. The term “residential child care institution” includes, but is not limited to homes for the mentally, emotionally or physically impaired, and unmarried mothers and their infants; group homes; halfway houses; orphanages; temporary shelters for abused children and for runaway children; long-term care facilities for chronically ill children; and juvenile detention centers. A long-term care facility is a hospital, skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or distinct part thereof, which is intended for the care of children confined for 30 days or more.

The governing body of the SFA, which has the authority to enter the SFA into a legally-binding agreement, is ultimately responsible for the operation of program(s). The NCDPI/SBE and the SFA enter into an annual agreement which stipulates the terms and conditions under which the SFA must operate the program(s).

Students must be enrolled in an approved SFA in order to participate in the Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs. In order to be eligible for free or reduced-price meals and/or snacks (or free milk in the SMP), a child must be (1)

categorically eligible for free meals or (2) the household must submit a complete application and be approved as either categorically eligible or income eligible. The SFA must have an approved application or a list of directly certified students on file for each child served a meal, snack or milk, which meets program requirements, and is subsequently claimed for Federal reimbursement at the free or reduced-price rate.

Categorical Eligibility for Free Meal Benefits

Categorical eligibility is defined by the USDA as the automatic eligibility for free meal benefits because of the student's status as one of the following:

- A member of a household, as determined by the administering agency, receiving assistance under the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) (formerly Food Stamp Program), the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF);
- Enrollment in a Head Start Program on the basis of meeting that program's low-income criteria;
- A homeless child as determined by the SFA's homeless liaison or by the director of a homeless shelter;
- A migrant child as determined by the State of local Migrant Education Program (MEP) coordinator;
- A runaway child who is receiving assistance from a program under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and is identified by the local educational liaison; or
- A foster child whose care and placement is the responsibility of the State or who is placed by a court with a caretaker household.

Since the income required to participate in the Federally-funded Child Nutrition Programs is equivalent to the income requirements in other means-tested nutrition programs such as the FNS Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), students who qualify for other Federal foods assistance programs are automatically eligible for free meals, snacks and milk in the Child Nutrition Programs. Students who are automatically eligible for free meals are considered to be "categorically eligible" for free meals. Students who are categorically eligible for free meals based on their enrollment in FNS and/or TANF may be directly certified for meal benefits. When students are directly certified, no household application is required. The NCDPI in partnership with the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) has developed a nationally-recognized automated system of direct certifying students for meal benefits. This automated system directly matches the names (and other critical identifiers) of students enrolled in the NC WISE student information data base with the names (and other critical identifiers) of children enrolled in the FNS and TANF programs.

Once the students are confirmed as being enrolled in both the NC WISE data base and the FNS/TANF data bases, the student is confirmed for free meal benefits and the confirmation is provided to the SFA. The system of direct certification has eliminated the need for the majority of household applications as a means of issuing school meal benefits in North Carolina. Using data from another means-tested nutrition program, such as FNS or TANF, eliminates the administrative burden of a paper application by the household and the SFA and ensures students who are eligible for free meals have access to them. Elimination of the household application also reduces the human errors often associated with household applications.

Household applications for free or reduced-price meals – based on categorical eligibility

Each SFA must designate a determining official who is responsible to oversee the processing of household applications to determine whether the student is eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. The determining official is also responsible for notifying households to confirm whether the application was approved or denied; if the application was approved, the determining official must notify the household of the level of benefits (free meal benefits or reduced-price meal benefits). If a household application includes a valid FNS or TANF number, or indicates the child's status as a foster child, the application must be approved for free meal benefits.

Currently, SFAs in North Carolina receive approximately 320,000 household applications for school meals benefits. An application must be complete and must include all required information in order to be considered. If the basis for the application is categorical eligibility, the application must include the verifiable sources of categorical eligibility for programs that provide distinct case numbers. For example, a complete application must include the FNS case number or the TANF case number. The application must also, at a minimum, include the names of the children for whom the application is made and the signature of an adult household member.

Unlike FNS, TANF, and foster children, students may be categorically eligible due to their migrant, homeless or runaway status or due to enrollment in Head Start. However, these students may not be determined as eligible for free meal benefits based on self-declaration of such status on an application. An SFA-designated official, such as Migrant Education Coordinator, a Homeless/Runaway Student Liaison, and Early Childhood Education Coordinator must document the student's eligibility for free meal benefits. Such documentation must be maintained on file in the SFA for a period of at least four years.

Household applications for free or reduced-price meals – based on household income

Households may apply for school meals benefits based on household income. An application based on household income must include, at a minimum, the following items:

- the names of all household members;
- the amount and source of current income by each member and the source of the income;
- the signature of an adult household member; and
- the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application or an indication that the household member does not have a social security number.

Household applications based on income are reviewed and approved by (or under the direction of) the determining official. If the application is complete, the official must then determine whether the household is categorically eligible or income eligible for benefits based on the information provided on the application. Income eligibility is determined based on the income eligibility guidance provided by the USDA as shown in Table 1. The NCDPI encourages all SFAs to conduct confirmation reviews of all applications to help ensure minimize human errors in processing the applications. Many SFAs in North Carolina use scanning software that enables the SFA to scan and simultaneously approve the household application, thus minimizing the risk of human error in the benefits issuance process.

Children residing in an RCCI are considered households of one. An application must be completed for each child or the RCCI may use other eligibility documentation for all children residing in the RCCI. For example, a Juvenile Justice Official, who is designated as the SFA's determining official, may document that all youth who are incarcerated have no means of earning income that is sufficient to prevent them from qualifying for free meals. This documentation must provide information indicating the child's name and personal income, if any, received by the child. The documentation must be signed by the SFA official, the determining official, and include their respective titles and information.

Children attending but not residing in an RCCI are considered members of their household and their eligibility is determined using a household application or through categorical eligibility as described above.

In accordance with Federal policy, United States citizenship or immigration status is not a condition of eligibility for free and reduced-price meal benefits. SFAs must apply the same eligibility criteria for citizens and non-citizens.

Student Participation in the Child Nutrition Programs

Current data provided by North Carolina's approved SFAs in October, 2011 indicates the following:

- 1,497,525 students are enrolled in SFAs participating in the Child Nutrition Programs;
- 777,612 (51.9%) students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals;
- 321,402 household applications for school meal benefits were received by all SFAs;
- 283,654 (36.4%) students were approved for free or reduced-price meal benefits based on the submission of a household application;
- 189,183 (58.9%) household applications were approved for free meal benefits based on current income eligibility guidelines;
- 94,471 (29.4%) household applications were approved for reduced-price meal benefits based on current income eligibility guidelines;
- 37,748 (11.7%) of household applications were denied meal benefits based on current income eligibility guidelines;
- 493,958 (63.5%) students were determined to be categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in another Federal food assistance program or other education program;
- 466,635 (60%) students were directly certified for free meal benefits using the NCDPI's automated system of Direct Certification, thus eliminating the need for household applications and reducing the risk of error on the application; and
- 27,323 (3.5%) students were determined to be categorically eligible for free meals based on an education program (Head Start, Migrant, Homeless/Runaway, Migrant, Foster Child, RCCI status).

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Note: The agreement between the USDA and the NCDPI indicates the department will abide with all provisions of the (1) the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1751-1760) and regulations governing the National School Lunch Program (7 CFR 210 and 245) and (2) the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1771 – 1985), and regulations governing the School Breakfast Program (7 CFR 220 and 245) and (3) the Special Milk Program for Children (7 CFR 215); (4) Public Law 105 – 336 authorizing reimbursement for snacks, (5) Public Law 85-478, as amended authorizing the Seamless Summer Option (formerly known as the Seamless Summer Food Service Program; (6) Public Law 108-265 to amend the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased

access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management; (7) Public Law 111-296 the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010; (8) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 which stipulates allowable and unallowable expenses in the non-profit Child Nutrition Program; (9) North Carolina General Statutes 115C-264 governing the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs within the state of North Carolina and (10) policies adopted by the State Board of Education that govern the operation of the Child Nutrition Programs in the public schools of North Carolina. Specifically, the State Agency and all sub-recipient SFAs must comply with the following USDA Regulations:

7 CFR Part 3015, Uniform Federal Assistance Regulations

7 CFR Part 3016, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

7 CFR part 3017, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension

7 CDFR Part 3019, Uniform Administrative Requirements for grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations and Institutions

7 CFR Part 3051, Audits of Institutions of Higher Education and Other Non-profit Organizations

7 CFR Part 3052, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations

7 CFR Part 210 National School Lunch Program

7 CFR Part 215 Special Milk Program for Children

7 CFR Part 220 School Breakfast Program

7 CFR Part 225 Summer Food Service Program

7 CFR Part 228 Child and Adult Care Food Program

7 CFR Part 227 Nutrition Education and Training Program

7 CFR Part 235 State Administrative Expense funds

7 CFR Part 240 Cash In Lieu of donated foods

7 CFR Part 245 Determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in schools

7 CFR Part 247 Commodity Supplemental Food Program

7 CFR Part 250 Donation of foods for use in the United States, its territories and possessions and areas under its jurisdiction

7 CFR Part 251 The Emergency Food Assistance Program

7 CFR Part 253 Administration of the Food Distribution Program for households on Indian reservations

7 CFR Part 254 Administration of the Food Distribution Program for Indian households in Oklahoma

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SFA #	SFA Name	Application Information				Number of students automatically eligible for free meal benefits	Date of Implementation of SB 415
		Average Daily Membership	Number approved for Free Meals	Number approved for Reduced-Price Meals	Number Denied		
010	Alamance-Burlington Schools	23291	3051	1337	340	7002	7/25/2011
020	Alexander County Schools	5539	555	404	173	1887	8/25/2011
030	Alleghany County Schools	1544	244	182	67	562	8/4/2011
040	Anson County Schools	3995	378	257	92	2132	8/25/2011
050	Ashe County Schools	3236	400	367	354	1138	8/8/2011
060	Avery County Schools	2252	299	281	116	725	8/10/2011
070	Beaufort County Schools	7084	722	377	117	3161	8/25/2011
080	Bertie County Schools	2918	242	158	66	1656	8/4/2011
090	Bladen County Schools	5369	837	345	270	2600	8/25/2011
100	Brunswick County Schools	12295	1969	1146	447	4622	8/25/2011
110	Buncombe County Schools	26768	2856	1950	822	9054	8/18/2011
111	Asheville City Schools	4167	283	167	73	1456	8/16/2011
120	Burke County Schools	13625	1627	1233	486	4785	8/20/2011
130	Cabarrus County Schools	29738	1740	1544	444	7933	8/25/2011
132	Kannapolis City Schools	5545	568	304	81	2683	8/25/2011
140	Caldwell County Schools	12682	1254	984	519	4901	8/25/2011
150	Camden County Schools	1916	156	160	82	297	8/25/2011
160	Carteret County Public Schools	8589	935	510	127	2018	8/25/2011
170	Caswell County Schools	2956	279	220	39	1342	8/25/2011
180	Catawba County Schools	17523	1704	1291	654	5407	8/25/2011
181	Hickory City Schools	4514	507	228	86	1914	8/25/2011
182	Newton Conover City Schools	3027	346	235	100	1211	8/25/2011
190	Chatham County Schools	8468	1380	457	132	2068	8/25/2011
200	Cherokee County Schools	3660	551	407	112	1276	8/25/2011
210	Edenton/Chowan Schools	2344	158	179	41	1130	8/25/2011
220	Clay County Schools	1417	145	114	631	527	8/15/2011
230	Cleveland County Schools	16277	1650	849	289	6948	8/25/2011
240	Columbus County Schools	6717	757	396	131	3374	8/25/2011
241	Whiteville City Schools	2263	316	132	41	1078	8/29/2011
250	Craven County Schools	15172	1614	1325	646	4948	7/14/2011
260	Cumberland County Schools	53758	5797	4197	2932	19496	10/3/2011
270	Currituck County Schools	3907	352	245	82	751	10/3/2011
280	Dare County Schools	4992	410	177	38	1050	8/25/2011
290	Davidson County Schools	20662	1855	1091	183	5163	8/25/2011
291	Lexington City Schools	3266	454	131	53	1955	8/25/2011
292	Thomasville City Schools	2534	564	160	67	1434	8/25/2011
298	Deaf and Blind Schools	234	199	13	22	0	7/1/2011
300	Davie County Schools	6680	541	299	107	1853	8/4/2011
310	Duplin County Schools	9819	2248	670	238	3441	8/25/2011

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320	Durham Public Schools	33125	3931	1355	528	13183	7/25/2011
330	Edgecombe County Schools	7485	962	530	147	3918	8/25/2011
340	Forsyth County Schools	53546	6832	2516	733	17567	8/25/2011
350	Franklin County Schools	8564	1009	677	225	3409	8/17/2011
360	Gaston County Schools	31800	3899	2276	557	12949	8/25/2011
370	Gates County Schools	1876	134	132	986	624	8/25/2011
380	Graham County Schools	1230	175	126	145	466	8/11/2011
390	Granville County Schools	9186	1253	557	361	2552	8/25/2011
400	Greene County Schools	3405	567	191	65	1720	8/25/2011
410	Guilford County Schools	73853	8135	3498	1126	23374	7/21/2011
420	Halifax County Schools	3882	279	119	99	2541	10/3/2011
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	3149	284	200	96	1231	8/25/2011
422	Weldon City Schools	1047	75	39	22	703	8/11/2011
430	Harnett County Schools	19795	2141	1568	659	7080	8/25/2011
440	Haywood County Schools	7641	987	637	240	2565	7/14/2011
450	Henderson County Schools	13505	1796	1019	285	4317	8/25/2011
460	Hertford County Schools	3433	381	166	45	1936	8/8/2011
470	Hoke County Schools	8561	2199	710	596	1963	8/25/2011
480	Hyde County Schools	476	110	52	7	203	9/6/2011
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	22141	2530	1367	321	4872	8/25/2011
491	Mooresville Graded School District	5649	525	351	137	1182	8/25/2011
500	Jackson County Schools	3746	787	354	305	1000	8/11/2011
510	Johnston County Schools	32989	3190	1567	512	9135	8/10/2011
520	Jones County Schools	1207	178	110	79	614	8/25/2011
530	Lee County Schools	9983	1867	700	207	3672	7/18/2011
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	9469	1051	685	268	4483	8/25/2011
550	Lincoln County Schools	12005	842	780	213	3888	8/25/2011
560	Macon County Schools	4426	495	445	155	1836	8/4/2011
570	Madison County Schools	2570	196	220	81	1103	8/15/2011
580	Martin County Schools	3976	431	241	64	1754	8/25/2011
590	McDowell County Schools	7005	720	618	266	2980	7/8/2011
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	141714	25116	8342	1487	47236	8/25/2011
610	Mitchell County Schools	2059	294	255	129	680	8/9/2011
620	Montgomery County Schools	4349	861	378	115	1950	8/25/2011
630	Moore County Schools	12463	1287	589	160	3375	7/18/2011
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	16893	2931	1227	482	6572	8/25/2011
650	New Hanover County Schools	29997	1808	1274	480	8159	8/25/2011
660	Northampton County Schools	2393	312	157	72	1575	8/25/2011
670	Onslow County Schools	25163	2009	2047	1183	5802	8/25/2011

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680	Orange County Schools	7594	796	313	133	1737	8/25/2011
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	12174	582	298	73	1864	8/25/2011
690	Pamlico County Schools	1466	59	74	34	650	8/25/2011
700	Pasquotank County Schools	6038	1902	474	94	1239	8/26/2011
710	Pender County Schools	8766	683	706	778	3305	10/3/2011
720	Perquimans County Schools	1766	103	123	54	782	8/25/2011
730	Person County Schools	5088	567	306	91	2086	8/25/2011
740	Pitt County Schools	23759	2458	949	251	9526	8/25/2011
750	Polk County Schools	2535	205	198	76	943	8/25/2011
760	Randolph County Schools	18796	2162	1294	302	6138	8/25/2011
761	Asheboro City Schools	5001	656	277	54	2376	8/25/2011
770	Richmond County Schools	7886	1365	471	226	3813	8/26/2011
780	Robeson County Schools	24524	3458	1517	1157	14173	11/1/2011
790	Rockingham County Schools	13975	1878	1007	443	4989	8/15/2011
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	20161	2202	1481	375	8191	8/25/2011
810	Rutherford County Schools	9190	1001	663	256	4364	8/25/2011
820	Sampson County Schools	8738	1369	673	377	3897	8/25/2011
821	Clinton City Schools	3205	564	238	78	1410	8/25/2011
830	Scotland County Schools	6316	644	393	190	3579	8/25/2011
840	Stanly County Schools	9057	878	757	256	3235	8/25/2011
850	Stokes County Schools	7096	987	604	236	1775	8/10/2011
860	Surry County Schools	8936	1304	737	425	3369	8/16/2011
861	Elkin City Schools	1217	128	55	25	312	8/15/2011
862	Mount Airy City Schools	1905	232	79	28	611	8/10/2011
870	Swain County Schools	1983	229	260	252	779	8/10/2011
880	Transylvania County Schools	3544	292	289	160	1499	8/15/2011
890	Tyrrell County Schools	605	9	47	23	340	8/25/2011
900	Union County Public Schools	40305	2534	1911	535	8604	8/21/2011
910	Vance County Schools	7243	922	464	1129	4723	8/25/2011
920	Wake County Schools	145121	21347	7608	1343	25769	7/11/2011
930	Warren County Schools	2612	366	208	122	1540	8/8/2011
940	Washington County Schools	1869	205	96	37	1139	8/25/2011
950	Watauga County Schools	4617	319	344	177	1097	8/10/2011
960	Wayne County Public Schools	19813	2220	1362	634	8017	8/23/2011
970	Wilkes County Schools	10525	3502	812	658	2076	8/16/2011
980	Wilson County Schools	12332	2294	898	459	4972	8/25/2011
990	Yadkin County Schools	6005	1256	525	160	1508	8/8/2011
995	Yancey County Schools	2361	232	242	72	928	8/8/2011
1002	Camp Lejeune Schools	3249	493	704	100	15	8/25/2011

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1007	Fort Bragg	5260	1394	1087	205	0	8/25/2011
1009	Cherokee Central Schools	1064	284	154	278	348	8/8/2011
01B	River Mill Academy	594	26	49	53	72	8/26/2011
01C	Clover Garden	483	24	55	12	87	9/6/2011
06B	Crossnore Academy	91	44	6	5	36	8/15/2011
20A	The Learning Center	187	31	25	10	68	8/22/2011
32A	Maureen Joy Charter	360	124	27	24	185	8/25/2011
32B	Healthy Start Academy	338	90	21	9	209	8/25/2011
34B	Quality Education Academy	458	34	20	4	242	8/15/2011
36A	Highland Charter	114	16	2	1	95	8/25/2011
49D	Success Institute Charter	99	35	0	6	58	No students
54A	Children's Village Academy	186	23	6	5	152	9/6/2011
54B	Kinston Charter Academy	317	70	8	5	214	8/25/2011
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	712	170	60	23	289	9/9/2011
60C	Kennedy Charter	308	98	14	12	184	8/25/2011
60L	KIPP Charlotte	358	78	48	10	136	9/12/2011
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	1111	167	128	34	389	8/25/2011
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	711	118	113	34	258	8/25/2011
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	379	72	36	25	123	9/12/2011
73A	Bethel Hill Charter	386	21	26	5	75	8/30/2011
78A	CIS Academy	113	12	15	7	67	9/30/2011
91B	Henderson Collegiate	202	0	23	11	153	8/10/2011
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	149	25	14	6	76	9/6/2011
96C	Dillard Academy	176	20	1	0	152	8/18/2011
97D	Bridges Charter School	146	26	8	2	90	8/25/2011
98A	Sallie B Howard School	877	147	30	7	580	8/1/2011
1008	Mount Zion Christian Academy	184	69	18	6	0	9/12/2011
1026	NC Tarheel Challenge Academy	127	61	22	44	0	8/20/2011
1129	The Children's Home, Inc	51	48	1	0	0	8/25/2011
1152	Eliada Homes, Inc	55	35	9	8	16	7/1/2011
Totals for SFA Receiving State Funding		1,489,468	188,287	94,080	37,662	490,871	
1005	Concordia Christian Day School	249	2	2	3	0	na
1006	Wesleyan Education Center	1009	5	5	0	0	na
1008	Mount Zion Christian Academy	184	69	18	6	0	na
1015	St. Michael's School	196	6	5	0	0	na
1016	St. Stephens Lutheran Church & School	230	3	3	0	8	na
1057	Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office	77	0	0	0	77	na
1095	Trinity Christian School	93	41	8	26	0	na

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1110	Murdoch Developmental Center	34	0	0	0	34	na
1111	Horizons Residential Care Center	24	0	0	0	24	na
1120	Holy Angels	20	0	0	0	20	na
1125	Falcon Children's Home	66	0	0	0	66	na
1128	Boys and Girls Home of NC, Inc	48	0	0	0	48	na
1131	American Children's Home	30	0	0	0	30	na
1132	Crossnore School, Inc	74	0	0	0	60	na
1139	NC Department of Correction	600	0	0	0	600	na
1142	Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc	44	0	0	0	44	na
1148	Alexander Youth Network	15	0	0	0	15	na
1154	NC Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention	551	0	0	0	551	na
1156	Durham County Youth Home	14	0	0	0	14	na
1157	ALPS Day Center	13	7	2	4	0	na
1162	With Friends, Inc.	9	0	0	0	9	na
1167	Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center	23	0	0	0	23	na
32C	Carter Community Charter	270	25	11	1	182	na
32H	Research Triangle Charter	690	94	50	1	193	na
34C	Downtown Middle	114	12	10	0	77	na
34D	C G Woodson Sch of Challenge	459	84	11	6	277	na
34F	Forsyth Academy	704	154	98	3	250	na
41C	Guilford Preparatory	310	146	16	6	119	na
41F	Triad Math & Science Academy	505	85	20	15	101	na
60G	Queen's Grant Community	754	21	63	0	55	na
92M	PreEminent Charter	541	114	59	6	150	na
92Q	Hope Elementary	107	28	10	9	60	na
Totals for SFA Not Receiving State Funds		8057	896	391	86	3087	
Statewide Data for All Sponsors		1,497,525	189,183	94,471	37,748	493,958	