

PARENT/GUARDIAN--ECONOMIC STATUS FORM

Data Collection used in the Essential Programs & Services State School Funding Allocation

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This form will provide information needed by the Maine Department of Education to determine the Ecology Learning Center's eligibility status for **State Economically Disadvantaged funds** available within the Essential Programs & Services Funding Act. Data in this form is **not for school lunch purposes**, only to determine economic disadvantaged status for allocation of **State education funds****.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 207-948-3520. The due date to return this form to the school is Tuesday, August 19, 2025. Thank you for your assistance.

Please use the table below as guidance to determine your student's economic status. If household income is equal to or less than the earnings for your household size in the chart below, then your student meets the lower income household criteria. Household size includes adults and children.

USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines*					
Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026					
Household Size (including Adults)	Annual Earnings	Monthly Earnings	Twice Per Month Earnings	Every Two Weeks Earnings	Weekly Earnings
1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$752
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,896	\$948
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144
5	\$69,653	\$5,804	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,339
6	\$79,828	\$6,652	\$3,327	\$3,070	\$1,535
7	\$90,003	\$7,500	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731
8	\$100,178	\$8,348	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927
For each additional family member, add.....	\$10,175	\$848	\$424	\$392	\$196

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Name of School	Student's Current Grade	Student Meets Lower Income Household Criteria

Please duplicate this form for additional children. Return this form to the Ecology Learning Center by Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

* Economically disadvantaged status is defined as students who are at or below 185% of Poverty Level per the current USDA Income Eligibility Guidelines <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/03/13/2025-03821/child-nutrition-programs-income-eligibility-guidelines#p-15>.

**Essential Programs and Services Statute [20-A §15672\(3\)](#).