

Receipt of Report

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Agenda Item:

District Educational Benefits Eligibility Report 2022-23

Building:

All

Proposed Action:

Information only

Identified Need:

The purpose of this report is to provide the district's 2022-23 educational benefit eligibility percentages, and to discuss trends in eligibility across schools and racial/ethnic representations.

Authority of Action:

Each year, Research Division staff will oversee the preparation of this report. Previously this report was known as the 'Free and Reduced Lunch Report'. This new report has changed to align with current practices under the district wide use of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Stakeholder Groups involved in the development of the proposal:

N/A

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Next Steps:

N/A

Monitoring and Reporting Timeline:

This is the only official reporting of this information.

Additional Considerations:

- Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the use of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district wide removes the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.
- A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) is available beginning in the 2022-23 school year to collect financial information that allows eligible families to access benefits in our schools and community while providing a socioeconomic indicator for students and schools.
- In 2022-23, 34,752 (67.1%) EC-12 students are eligible for educational benefits.
- The eligibility rates included in this report for 2022-23 are likely to be artificially low because the EBF is not required of families. Similarly, the free and reduced lunch eligibility rate collected in 2021-22 is also artificially low because of the USDA waiver allowing school districts to serve all students school meals free of cost in 2021-22.

OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Omaha, Nebraska

EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY 2022-23

Since 1994, the Nebraska Department of Education has required all Nebraska school districts to report the number of students in each school approved for free or reduced-price lunch as of October 1 each school year. Previously, families of students submitted applications indicating financial need for participation in the National School Lunch Program or they were directly certified by Nutrition Services through state databases. While not required, application for the federal meal program was strongly encouraged by schools. Nationally, participation in this program, although not the best indicator, is typically the only indicator of socioeconomics available to school districts.

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, all students will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Eligibility Provision removes the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. District eligibility for the CEP is based on the percentage of students in the district that are directly certified by Nutrition Services through state databases and has been approved through the 2024-25 school year for Omaha Public Schools.

A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) is available beginning in the 2022-23 school year to collect financial information that allows eligible families to access benefits in our schools and community. These benefits include free student activity cards, discounts on home internet service, discounted or waived fees for academic testing, access to college and postsecondary resources and school and community enrichment opportunities. In addition to access to benefits, student eligibility for educational benefits will be used as the new school socioeconomic indicator beginning in the 2022-23 school year replacing free or reduced lunch eligibility.

The district eligibility rate of 67.1% for 2022-23 is likely to be artificially low because the EBF is not required of families. More than 37,000 (72%) students have EBF data on record for this school year while about 14,500 (28%) students did not have EBF information at the time this report was created. A comparison of educational benefit eligibility in 2022-23 to free or reduced lunch eligibility in 2021-22 suggests that school eligibility rates are, on average, within 3% of free or reduced lunch eligibility rates from the previous year and 2.4% lower at the district level. The percentages included in this report for 2021-22 for comparison purposes are also likely artificially low because of the USDA waiver allowing school district to serve all students school meals free of cost in 2021-22.

Attached are various charts reflecting number and percentage of students eligible for educational benefits. Data are masked in this report where groups of ten or less could allow for identification.

Chart I	Shows historical percentage by race/ethnicity.
Chart II	Show district educational benefit eligibility totals by grade and race/ethnicity.
Chart III	Show individual school educational benefit eligibility in 2022-23 compared to free and reduced lunch eligibility in 2021-22.
Presentation	PowerPoint presentation depicting key points, educational benefit eligibility maps, and historical percentage by race/ethnicity.

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CHART I
2003-2004 - 2022-2023
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH
BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Year	Hispanic	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	White	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Total
2022-23**	72.3	79.4	81.5	41.4	71.3	65.6	66.4	67.1
2021-22	78.3	75.7	81.9	41.1	74.6	75.0	65.9	69.5
2020-21	87.9	82.3	89.1	47.4	86.1	81.3	74.2	77.4
2019-20	86.0	83.7	87.0	45.3	85.3	74.6	70.6	74.9
2018-19	87.3	85.8	87.3	45.9	84.8	74.7	71.3	75.3
2017-18	89.7	87.6	88.4	46.6	85.9	72.9	72.5	76.5
2016-17	88.2	83.1	85.7	44.1	83.7	75.3	69.8	74.0
2015-16	89.1	85.4	87.7	44.2	82.1	75.0	70.0	74.3
2014-15	88.5	85.1	86.9	43.2	81.8	83.1	71.1	73.2
2013-14	89.6	82.7	88.9	43.8	81.2	82.2	71.2	73.6
2012-13	89.6	84.8	88.6	43.8	78.5	82.9	73.0	73.1
2011-12	89.0	83.5	87.6	41.8	75.0	84.5	71.2	71.5
2010-11*	87.6	78.9	85.1	39.6	70.5	80.3	68.4	69.1
2009-10	87.4	78.8	82.9	40.8	58.3	-	-	67.2
2008-09	82.5	74.1	77.8	37.3	50.6	-	-	62.3
2007-08	82.3	73.5	78.7	37.6	43.1	-	-	62.0
2006-07	81.2	73.7	77.7	36.4	41.4	-	-	60.1
2005-06	70.6	66.6	69.1	33.6	36.3	-	-	53.2
2004-05	73.5	69.9	73.1	34.4	39.3	-	-	54.8
2003-04	73.4	74.3	75.9	34.6	38.7	-	-	55.2

*New race/ethnicity collection guidelines begin

**2022-23 depicts educational benefits eligibility while all previous years are free or reduced lunch eligibility.

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CHART II
2022-2023 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
BY GRADE & RACE/ETHNICITY

Grade	Hispanic			American Indian or Alaska Native			Black or African American			White			Asian			Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			Two or More Races			Total		
	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Eligible For Ed. Benefits	Total Enrolled	% Eligible For Ed. Benefits
EC#	750	977	76.8	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	537	663	81.0	172	451	38.1	138	215	64.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	101	141	71.6	1,718	2,473	69.5
Kindergarten	1,093	1,511	72.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	738	869	84.9	371	915	40.5	193	268	72.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	195	286	68.2	2,604	3,870	67.3
Grade 1	1,116	1,503	74.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	793	917	86.5	383	935	41.0	246	314	78.3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	191	279	68.5	2,763	3,990	69.2
Grade 2	1,074	1,448	74.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	755	883	85.5	375	877	42.8	200	270	74.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	167	241	69.3	2,603	3,755	69.3
Grade 3	1,021	1,425	71.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	717	847	84.7	381	843	45.2	230	291	79.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	190	268	70.9	2,563	3,704	69.2
Grade 4	1,068	1,441	74.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	754	884	85.3	388	885	43.8	198	275	72.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	176	257	68.5	2,606	3,775	69.0
Grade 5	1,038	1,422	73.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	698	838	83.3	402	930	43.2	212	289	73.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	177	257	68.9	2,548	3,762	67.7
Grade 6	961	1,341	71.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	702	841	83.5	373	798	46.7	208	284	73.2	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	147	218	67.4	2,413	3,510	68.7
Total EC-6#	8,121	11,068	73.4	163	206	79.1	5,694	6,742	84.5	2,845	6,634	42.9	1,625	2,206	73.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	1,344	1,947	69.0	19,818	28,839	68.7
Grade 7	1,087	1,448	75.1	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	762	950	80.2	369	800	46.1	184	260	70.8	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	154	238	64.7	2,580	3,728	69.2
Grade 8	1,129	1,535	73.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	746	942	79.2	343	811	42.3	178	244	73.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	151	236	64.0	2,578	3,804	67.8
Grade 9	1,122	1,544	72.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	772	974	79.3	356	909	39.2	166	244	68.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	134	218	61.5	2,577	3,924	65.7
Grade 10	1,059	1,572	67.4	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	692	881	78.5	316	781	40.5	166	237	70.0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	115	188	61.2	2,373	3,690	64.3
Grade 11	1,014	1,417	71.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	706	923	76.5	301	854	35.2	140	219	63.9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	109	167	65.3	2,294	3,610	63.5
Grade 12	1,076	1,616	66.6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	818	1,090	75.0	344	980	35.1	142	238	59.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	118	206	57.3	2,532	4,181	60.6
Total 7-12	6,487	9,132	71.0	149	187	79.7	4,496	5,760	78.1	2,029	5,135	39.5	976	1,442	67.7	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	781	1,253	62.3	14,934	22,937	65.1
GRAND TOTAL	14,608	20,200	72.3	312	395	79.0	10,190	12,502	81.5	4,874	11,769	41.4	2,601	3,648	71.3	42	64	65.6	2,125	3,200	66.4	34,752	51,776	67.1

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Parent pay pre-kindergarten not included

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CHART III

**2022-23 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND 2021-22 ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM
BY SCHOOL**

School	2022-23				Difference in Percentage 2021-22 to 2022-23	2021-22		
	# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	# Total Enrollment	% EBF Completion		# Free & Reduced	% Free & Reduced	Total Enrollment
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS								
Benson High*	1,067	74.4	1,434	76.6	-1.4	1,069	75.8	1,410
Bryan High*	1,043	69.0	1,512	73.5	-6.6	1,301	75.6	1,721
Buena Vista High*	505	71.6	705	79.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Burke High	798	45.1	1,769	49.6	0.0	946	45.2	2,095
Central High*	1,446	57.5	2,514	63.0	3.6	1,442	54.0	2,672
North High*	1,087	68.5	1,586	73.5	3.4	1,116	65.1	1,714
Northwest High*	943	66.0	1,429	69.5	-2.6	1,094	68.6	1,594
South High*	1,798	72.2	2,492	77.1	-7.1	2,236	79.3	2,821
Westview High	324	44.3	731	59.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	9,011	64.2	14,172	68.8	-1.4	9,204	65.6	14,027
MIDDLE SCHOOLS								
Beveridge Middle*	497	61.7	806	67.6	0.4	530	61.3	865
Bryan Middle*	597	70.1	852	72.9	-14.3	725	84.4	859
Buffett Middle	454	40.8	1,114	45.0	0.6	434	40.1	1,081
Davis Middle	376	50.4	746	55.0	-1.0	376	51.4	732
King Science Middle*	513	78.4	654	81.0	-1.8	549	80.3	684
Lewis & Clark Middle*	548	65.5	837	68.1	-0.3	573	65.8	871
Marrs Middle*	820	77.1	1,063	80.0	-7.9	1,031	85.1	1,212
McMillan Middle*	581	78.7	738	80.6	-0.9	621	79.6	780
Monroe Middle*	591	78.8	750	81.7	-3.1	677	81.9	827
Morton Middle*	470	65.6	717	68.5	-3.9	496	69.5	714
Nathan Hale Middle*	488	80.5	606	85.5	1.4	505	79.2	638
Norris Middle*	905	77.0	1,175	79.8	-2.7	979	79.7	1,228
Total	6,840	68.0	10,058	71.4	-3.4	7,496	71.5	10,491
OTHER SECONDARY								
Accelere	131	70.4	186	71.0	0.0	124	70.5	176
Adult High School	-	0.0	0	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	2
Blackburn Senior High Program	101	82.8	122	83.6	0.0	72	82.8	87
ESL Teen Literacy	32	31.7	101	59.4	-14.0	37	45.7	81
Gateway to College	MASKED	MASKED	6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	14
Homebound	MASKED	MASKED	9	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	2
Independent Study Program	195	76.8	254	77.2	8.7	66	68.0	97
Integrated Learning Program at Saratoga	59	76.6	77	79.2	-0.5	64	77.1	83
Interim/Contracted	67	38.7	173	41.0	30.2	12	8.5	141
Lord, J.P.	16	47.1	34	50.0	0.5	20	46.5	43
Omaha Virtual High School	54	44.3	122	55.7	4.5	31	39.7	78
Omaha Virtual Middle School	25	42.4	59	52.5	3.0	35	39.3	89
Parrish	MASKED	MASKED	53	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	69
Secondary Success Program	MASKED	MASKED	27	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	9
Transition Program - North Omaha Site	51	62.2	82	63.4	16.1	35	46.1	76
Transition Program - South Omaha Site	32	61.5	52	61.5	3.5	29	58.0	50
Transition Program at UNMC	MASKED	MASKED	6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	7
UNO/OPS Middle College Program	17	51.5	33	51.5	11.0	17	40.5	42
Total	858	61.5	1,396	65.7	7.4	620	54.1	1,146
Total Secondary	16,709	65.2	25,626	69.6	-2.3	17,320	67.5	25,664

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CHART III

**2022-23 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND 2021-22 ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM
BY SCHOOL**

School	2022-23				Difference in Percentage 2021-22 to 2022-23	2021-22		
	# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	# Total Enrollment	% EBF Completion		# Free & Reduced	% Free & Reduced	Total Enrollment
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS								
Adams Elementary*	177	67.8	261	73.9	-3.1	180	70.9	254
Ashland Park/RobbinsElementary*	542	68.3	794	73.4	-14.6	658	82.9	794
Bancroft Elementary*	350	71.7	488	80.5	-4.9	561	76.6	732
Beals Elementary*	187	64.9	288	71.2	-5.7	195	70.7	276
Belle Ryan Elementary*	211	70.8	298	75.2	2.7	201	68.1	295
Belvedere Elementary*	327	91.3	358	93.0	0.9	361	90.5	399
Benson West Elementary*	288	81.1	355	86.2	-3.1	342	84.2	406
Boyd Elementary*	372	69.0	539	75.7	1.8	342	67.2	509
Castelar Elementary*	372	72.4	514	78.2	-6.0	483	78.4	616
Catlin Elementary*	61	48.8	125	58.4	-0.8	64	49.6	129
Central Park Elementary*	297	83.7	355	88.5	-4.4	303	88.1	344
Chandler View Elementary*	327	74.3	440	79.5	-6.5	468	80.8	579
Columbian Elementary #	77	26.8	287	43.6	-2.5	76	29.3	259
Conestoga Elementary*	300	91.7	327	93.3	0.3	300	91.5	328
Crestridge Elementary	189	50.0	378	62.4	1.7	183	48.3	379
Dodge Elementary*	263	67.1	392	74.0	0.1	266	67.0	397
Druid Hill Elementary*	240	87.9	273	91.9	-4.3	297	92.2	322
Dundee Elementary	190	40.6	468	53.6	1.2	173	39.4	439
Edison Elementary*	255	71.8	355	79.7	-1.3	264	73.1	361
Field Club Elementary*	419	73.0	574	82.6	-7.6	477	80.6	592
Florence Elementary*	197	78.8	250	84.8	-8.4	205	87.2	235
Fontenelle Elementary*	373	83.4	447	88.4	-3.9	394	87.4	451
Forest Station Elementary*	273	74.8	365	84.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Franklin Elementary*	238	87.8	271	91.1	-0.7	285	88.5	322
Fullerton Elementary #	187	41.7	448	56.0	0.1	186	41.6	447
Gateway Elementary*	668	74.1	901	79.5	3.6	613	70.5	869
Gifford Park Elementary*	278	80.6	345	85.2	-0.6	272	81.2	335
Gilder Elementary*	232	70.5	329	78.1	-1.7	234	72.2	324
Gomez Heritage Elementary*	561	76.6	732	83.3	-3.9	604	80.5	750
Harrison Elementary	94	37.0	254	47.6	-1.4	99	38.4	258
Hartman Elementary*	349	80.0	436	84.2	-4.4	365	84.5	432
Highland Elementary*	331	77.5	427	83.6	-8.0	354	85.5	414
Indian Hill Elementary*	556	85.4	651	89.1	-3.9	566	89.3	634
Jackson Elementary*	153	59.3	258	70.9	-7.1	166	66.4	250
Jefferson Elementary*	304	72.7	418	79.2	-7.2	358	79.9	448
Joslyn Elementary*	135	49.1	275	61.8	-2.6	141	51.6	273
Kellom Elementary*	244	90.4	270	91.1	-1.6	285	91.9	310
Kennedy Elementary*	201	88.9	226	90.3	-3.6	197	92.5	213
King Elementary*	281	87.0	323	91.6	-0.3	288	87.3	330
Liberty Elementary*	506	80.7	627	84.2	-1.8	536	82.5	650
Lothrop Elementary*	295	85.0	347	88.2	-3.4	313	88.4	354
Masters Elementary*	177	66.8	265	72.8	2.2	155	64.6	240
Miller Park Elementary*	334	87.4	382	89.0	1.4	345	86.0	401
Minne Lusa Elementary*	274	84.3	325	87.7	-3.6	298	87.9	339
Mount View Elementary*	241	80.9	298	87.2	-3.2	242	84.0	288
Oak Valley Elementary*	159	63.1	252	73.0	-1.6	145	64.7	224
Pawnee Elementary*	239	59.6	401	68.3	0.9	237	58.7	404

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CHART III

2022-23 ELIGIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AND 2021-22 ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM BY SCHOOL

School	2022-23				Difference in Percentage 2021-22 to 2022-23	2021-22		
	# Eligible For Educational Benefits	% Eligible For Educational Benefits	# Total Enrollment	% EBF Completion		# Free & Reduced	% Free & Reduced	Total Enrollment
Picotte Elementary #	112	36.2	309	54.7	2.0	100	34.2	292
Pine Elementary*	213	73.7	289	81.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pinewood Elementary*	157	70.1	224	78.1	-4.9	183	75.0	244
Ponca Elementary	57	45.6	125	59.2	2.3	52	43.3	120
Prairie Wind Elementary*	447	62.9	711	69.9	-0.2	420	63.1	666
Rose Hill Elementary*	155	59.4	261	69.0	-5.3	165	64.7	255
Saddlebrook Elementary #	80	17.4	461	36.2	-1.5	85	18.8	451
Sherman Elementary*	181	80.8	224	86.2	-11.5	216	92.3	234
Skinner Elementary*	368	86.0	428	88.8	0.1	359	85.9	418
Spring Lake Elementary*	538	78.4	686	82.5	-3.6	572	82.1	697
Springville Elementary*	247	58.0	426	66.0	-0.5	241	58.5	412
Standing Bear Elementary #	182	32.4	562	48.4	0.1	180	32.3	558
Sunny Slope Elementary*	268	62.9	426	73.2	-0.8	263	63.7	413
Wakonda Elementary*	267	83.4	320	87.5	-0.2	246	83.7	294
Walnut Hill Elementary*	344	87.3	394	90.4	-4.7	346	92.0	376
Washington Elementary*	168	55.1	305	61.0	3.7	153	51.3	298
Western Hills Elementary* #	228	68.9	331	76.7	-2.4	256	71.3	359
Wilson Focus Elementary*	120	56.3	213	59.2	-0.3	119	56.7	210
Total Elementary	17,456	69.6	25,087	76.6	-2.8	18,033	72.4	24,902
OTHER ELEMENTARY								
Early Childhood - Educare Indian Hill	MASKED	MASKED	193	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	185
Early Childhood - Educare Kellom	MASKED	MASKED	161	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	158
Early Learning Center 0-3 @ Gateway	MASKED	MASKED	41	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	38
Early Learning Center 0-3 @ Kennedy	MASKED	MASKED	6	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	14
Early Childhood Center PK @ Gateway	MASKED	MASKED	73	91.8	5.8	62	80.5	77
Early Childhood Center PK @ Kennedy	MASKED	MASKED	60	95.0	8.8	58	82.9	70
Homebased PK	MASKED	MASKED	378	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	365
Homebound	MASKED	MASKED	3	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	3
Integrated Learning Program @ Saratoga	MASKED	MASKED	14	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	18
Interim/Contracted Elementary	MASKED	MASKED	55	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	51
Lord JP	MASKED	MASKED	15	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	MASKED	18
Omaha Virtual Elementary School	34	53.1	64	59.4	0.9	58	52.3	111
Other Elementary Totals	587	55.2	1,063	19.1	5.6	550	49.6	1,108
Total Elementary	18,043	69.0	26,150	74.3	-2.4	18,583	71.4	26,010
Grand Total	34,752	67.1	51,776	72.0	-2.4	35,903	69.5	51,674

MASKED: Data are masked where groups of ten or less could allow for identification.

* Title 1

Parent pay pre-kindergarten not included

Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, all students will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The Community Eligibility Provision removes the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) is available beginning in the 2022-23 school year that allows eligible families to access additional benefits in our schools and community. Eligibility for educational benefits is the replacement metric for Free or Reduced Lunch eligibility beginning in the 2022-23 school year. The free or reduced lunch eligibility in this report for 2021-22 are also likely artificially low because of the USDA waiver allowing school district to serve all students school meals free of cost in 2021-22

2021-22 DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November 28, 2022



KEY POINTS

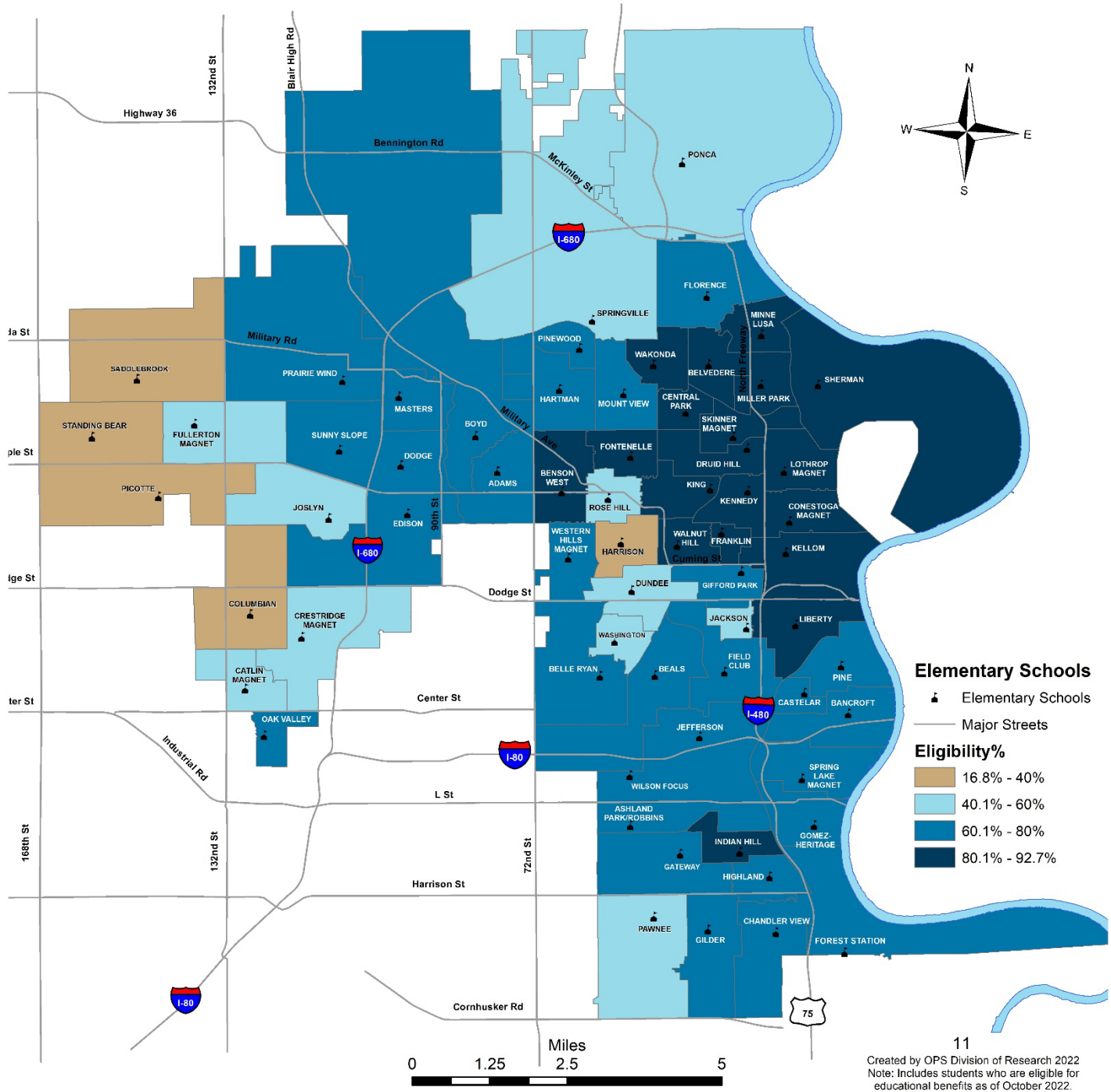
- Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, the use of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district wide removes the need for families to fill out an application to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.
- A new Educational Benefits Form (EBF) is available beginning in the 2022-23 school year to collect financial information that allows eligible families to access benefits in our schools and community while providing a socioeconomic indicator for students and schools.
- In 2022-23, 34,752 (67.1%) early childhood through grade 12 students are eligible for educational benefits.
- The district educational benefit eligibility rate of 67.1% is 2.4% lower than the 69.5% free or reduced lunch eligibility rate counted in the 2021-22 school year.
- The eligibility rates included in this report for 2022-23 are likely to be artificially low because the EBF is not required of families. Similarly, the free and reduced lunch eligibility rate collected in 2021-22 is also artificially low because of the USDA waiver allowing school districts to serve all students school meals free of cost in 2021-22.

KEY POINTS

- More than 37,000 (72%) students have EBF data on record for this school year while about 14,500 (28%) students did not have EBF information at the time this report was created.
- A comparison of educational benefit eligibility in 2022-23 to free or reduced lunch eligibility in 2021-22 suggests that school and district eligibility rates are, on average, within 3% of free or reduced lunch eligibility rates from the previous year.
- Student and family socioeconomic status has been shown to be highly predictive of district and school level performance (status scores) on summative, national and state assessments.
- This report uses the EBF data as of 10/25/2022 for students enrolled on 10/1/2022.

OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY PERCENT BY ENROLLMENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-6): 2022-23

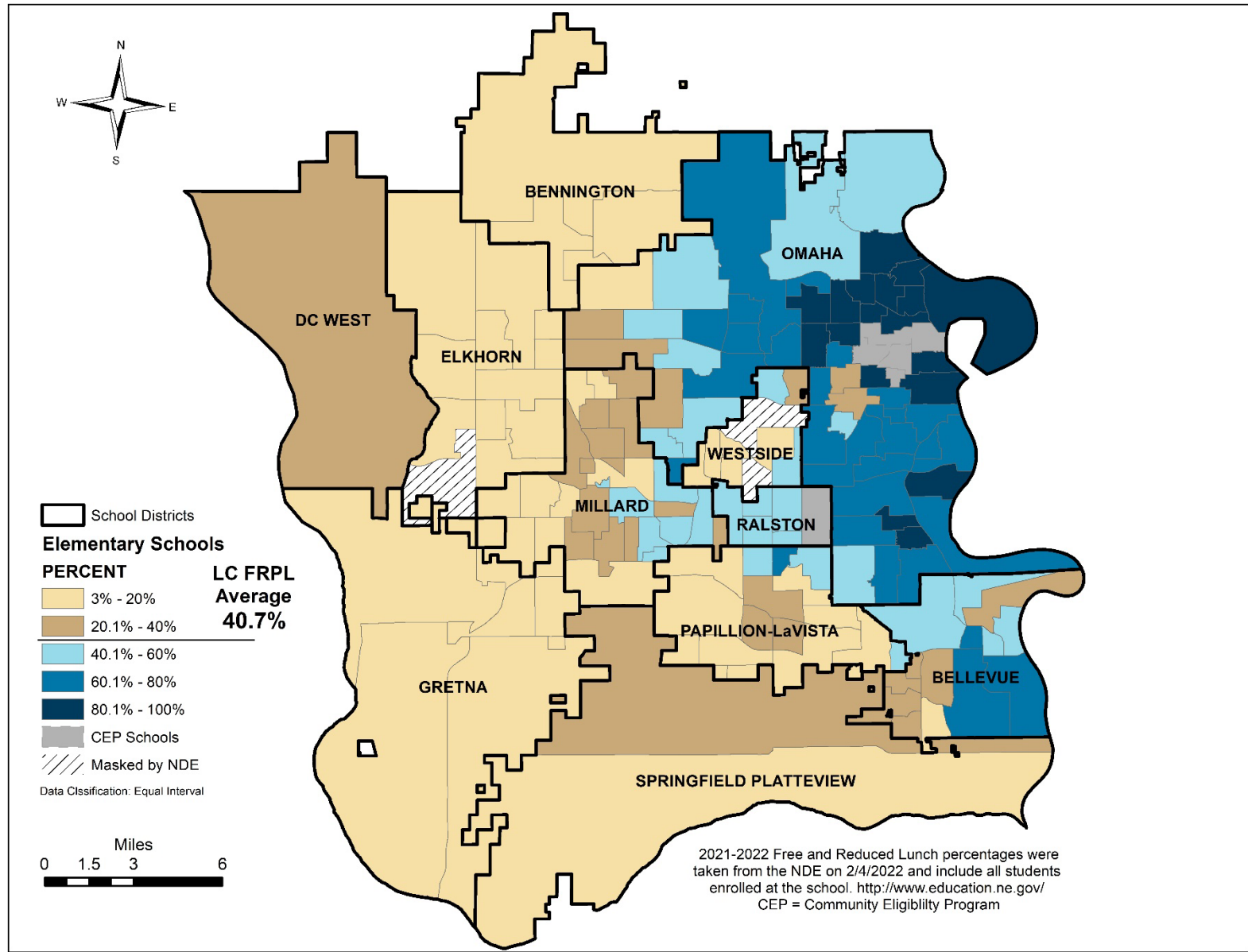
- The highest populations are in the eastern portion of the district, generally east of 72nd Street.
- The district eligibility percentage is 67.1%.
- South Omaha schools experienced some of the largest changes in eligibility rates when comparing FRPL in 2021-22 to educational benefit eligibility in 2022-23.



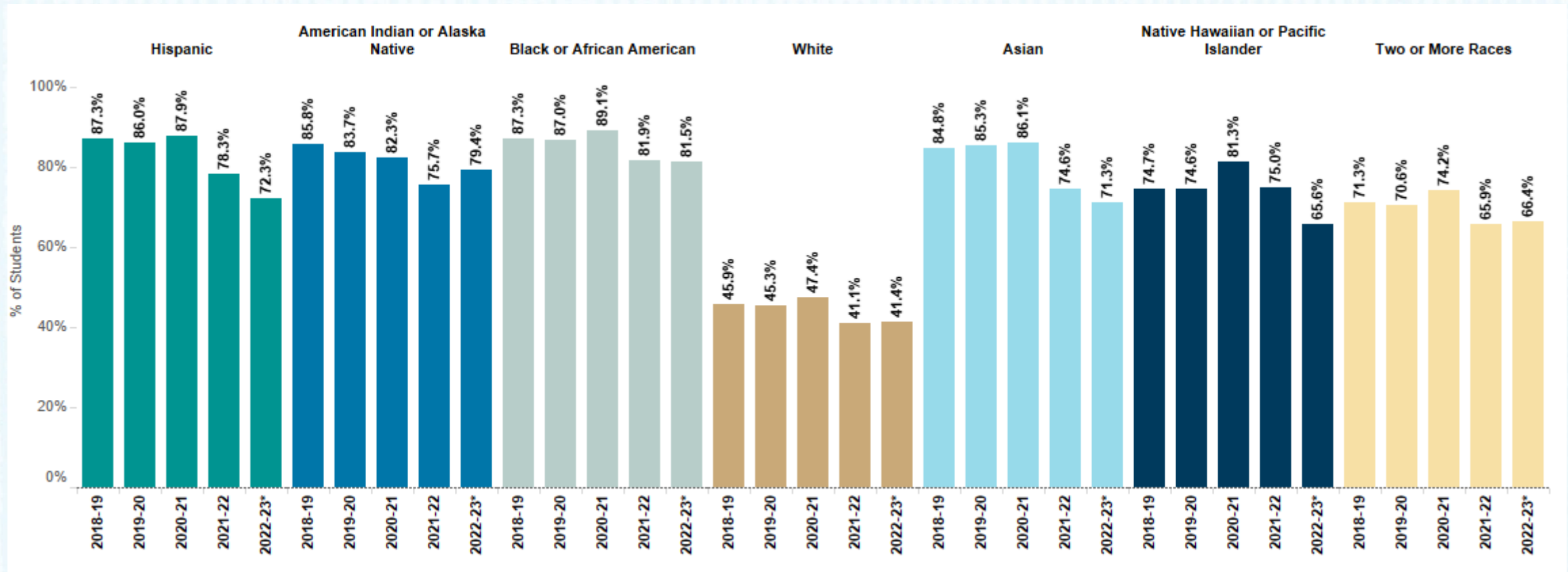
LEARNING COMMUNITY FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PERCENT BY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 2021-22

Based on the FRPL population enrolled across Douglas and Sarpy County elementary schools, poverty is generally concentrated in the urban core of the two-county area and less pronounced in outlying suburban areas. On average, 40.7% of all public school students across the two counties participate in the FRPL program.

Note: 2021-22 Nebraska Department of Education FRPL data were not available at the time this report was produced.



FIVE YEAR EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT AND FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH HISTORY BY RACE/ETHNICITY 2018-19 to 2022-23



*2022-23 depicts educational benefits eligibility while all previous years are free or reduced lunch eligibility.

Thank you.

