

K-12 Payment Processors Data Dictionary

June 2024

Variable Name	Full Name	Description	Values
SCHOOLDISTRICT_STATE	Name of District and State	This is the name of the school district, with the two-letter abbreviation of the state the school district is in listed after in parentheses.	The name of the school district and the two-letter abbreviation of the state is provided (ex. "NY").
COUNTY	County	This field refers to the county that the school district is located in.	The name of the relevant county is provided (ex. "New York").
STATE	State	This is the two-letter code of the state that the school district is located in.	The two-letter abbreviation of the relevant state is provided (ex. "NY").
RUCC	Rural-Urban Continuum Code	This field represents the Rural-Urban Continuum Code classification, which "distinguishes U.S. metropolitan (metro) counties by the population size of their metro area, and nonmetropolitan (nonmetro) counties by their degree of urbanization and adjacency to a metro area." The RUCC classifications used in this analysis are from 2023.	RUCC values fall between 1 and 9. Counties with an RUCC of greater than or equal to 4 are considered nonmetro, with counties classified as a 9 exhibiting the least urbanization.
ENROLLMENT_FALL21	Enrollment, 2021-2022 School Year	This field reflects the number of students enrolled in a school district at the start of the Fall 2021 school year, as reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . This field is based on publicly available data posted on the National Center for Education Statistics (See Table 215.10: Selected Statistics on enrollment, staff, and graduates in public school districts enrolling more than 15,000 students in fall 2021).	The number of students is provided.
HS_ACGR_FALL20	Public High School 4-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR), 2020-2021 School Year	This field reflects the public high school 4-year adjusted cohort graduation rate in the 2020-2021 school year, reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . The ACGR is the percentage of public high school freshmen who graduate with a regular diploma or a state-defined alternate high school diploma within 4 years of starting 9th grade. This field is based on publicly available data posted on the National Center for Education Statistics (See Table 215.10: Selected Statistics on enrollment, staff, and graduates in public school districts enrolling more than 15,000 students in fall 2021).	The graduation rate is provided as a decimal (ex. 0.10 corresponds to a graduation rate of 10%). The cell is left blank where data is not provided.
LEPENROLLMENT_FALL20	Number of English Learners, 2020-2021 School Year	This field reflects the number of English learners in each school district in 2020, reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . This field is based on publicly available data	The number of students is provided.

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FRPL_FALL21	Percent Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, 2021-2022 School Year	This field reflects the percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch in the school district in 2021, reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . This field is based on publicly available data posted on the National Center for Education Statistics (See Table 215.10: Selected Statistics on enrollment, staff, and graduates in public school districts enrolling more than 15,000 students in fall 2021).	The percent of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch is provided as a decimal (ex. 0.10 corresponds to a free or reduced price lunch eligibility rate of 10%). The cell is left blank where data was not provided.
POVERTYRATE_FALL21	Poverty Rate of 5-17 year olds, 2021-2022 School Year	This field reflects the poverty rate of 5 to 17-year-olds in 2021 in each school district, reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . Poverty is “defined based on the number of persons and related children in the family and their income.” This field is based on publicly available data posted on the National Center for Education Statistics (See Table 215.20: Revenues, expenditures, poverty rate, and Title I allocations of public school districts enrolling more than 15,000 students in fall 2021).	The poverty rate is presented as a decimal (ex. 0.10 corresponds to a poverty rate of 10%). The cell is left blank where data was not provided.
SCHOOLS_FALL21	Number of Schools, 2021-2022 School Year	This field reflects the number of schools in each school district in 2021, reported in the <i>Digest of Education Statistics</i> . This field is based on publicly available data posted on the National Center for Education Statistics (See Table 215.10: Selected Statistics on enrollment, staff, and graduates in public school districts enrolling more than 15,000 students in fall 2021).	The number of schools is provided.
PAYMENT_PROCESSOR	Payment Processor	This is the name of the third-party payment processor that appears to be working with the school district to facilitate school lunch payments. This field is based on publicly available information posted on school district websites and identified by the CFPB.	The name of the relevant payment processor is provided. An NA within this field represents no payment processor found based on publicly available information on the school district website.
FREE_LUNCH_FALL23	Free Lunch for all Students, 2023-2024 School Year	This field reflects whether the school district offered free lunch for all students during the 2023-2024 school year,	Y appears for school districts that provide free lunch for all students in the 2023-2024 school year. The cell

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		based on publicly available information posted on school district websites and identified by the CFPB.	is left blank for cases where free meals could not be verified.
FEE_CATEGORY	Fee Category	This field is a qualitative characterization of the fee, with varying categories and definitions based on publicly available information on school district websites and identified by the CFPB.	The categories include: Not Disclosed, Yes – Flat Fee, Yes – Percent, Yes – Both Flat Fee and Percent, Yes – Not Disclosed, and NA. Yes – Not Disclosed is used to describe when public information confirms the existence of a fee but does not specify the amount. NA is used to describe the fee category in situations where no payment processor was identified for a given school district.
FLAT_FEE_AMOUNT	Fee Amount, for all Flat Fees	This field represents the transaction fee that someone using a payment processor would incur. Data in this column is based on publicly available information posted on school district websites, as identified by the CFPB. Fees applied as flat fees are included in this column. If two fees were identified during research, the larger fee is included in the Fee Amount column.	The flat fee amount is provided as a dollar value (ex. \$3.00).
PERCENT_FEE_AMOUNT	Fee Amount, for all Percentage Fees	This field represents the transaction fee that someone using a payment processor would incur. Data in this column is based on publicly available information posted on school district websites, as identified by the CFPB. Fees applied as percentage fees are included in this column. If two fees were identified during research, the larger fee is included in the Fee Amount column.	The percentage fee amount is provided as a decimal. (ex. 0.0499 corresponds to a fee of 4.99%).
LINKS	Links	This field provides a URL for the public school district website, as identified by the CFPB. The linked page contains the school lunch payment processor information used in this report.	URLs are provided.