# Submitting the Verification **Summary Report** for SFAs that DID NOT Collect Household Applications

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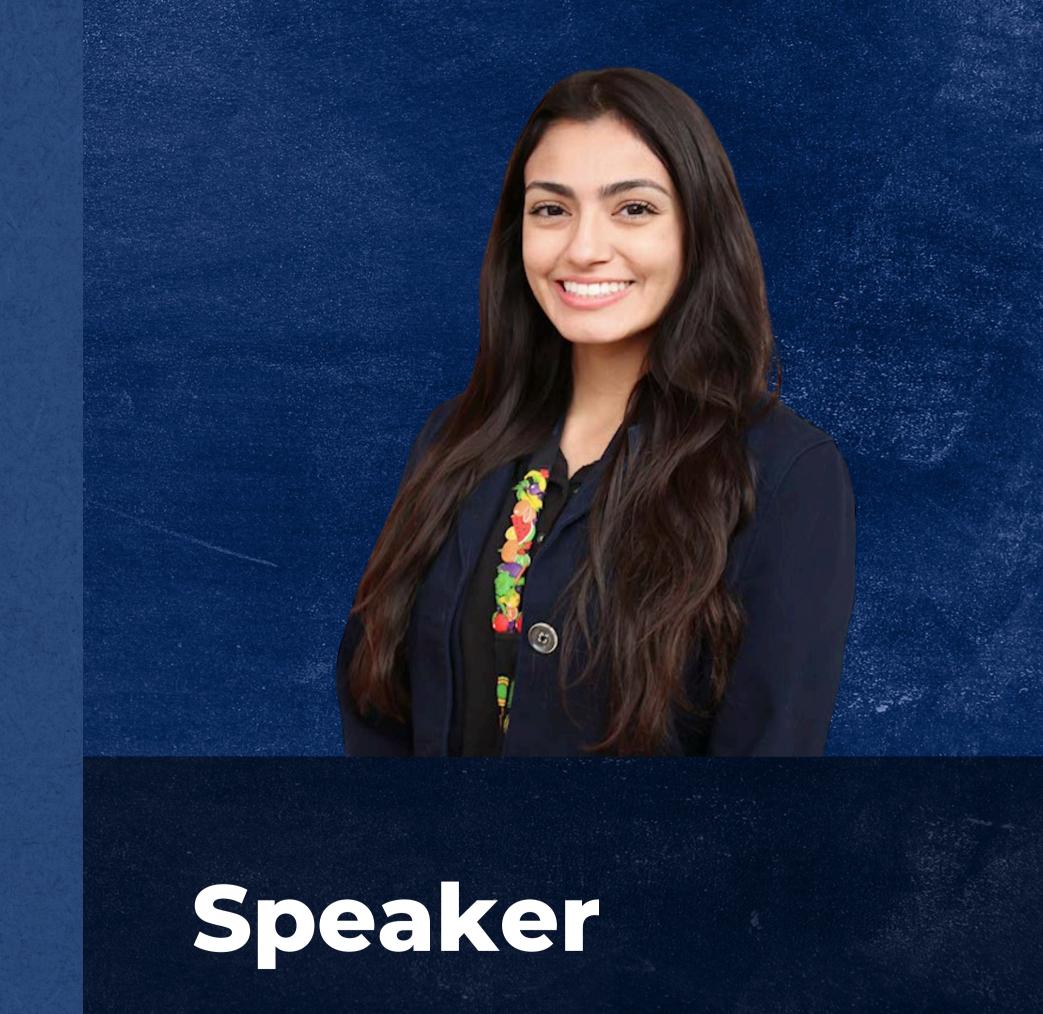


Health and Nutrition Services Arizona Department of Education



Today's webinar will be facilitated by Kim Ruiz, Health and Nutrition Services
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Thank you for joining me today!





# Welcome to today's webinar!

This training was developed by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services Division (HNS). This training is intended for School Food Authorities (SFAs) who **DID NOT** collect household applications. The information in this training is subject to change. Attendees are encouraged to access professional development materials directly from the training library to prevent the use of outdated content.



## Disclaimer

SFAs with all sites on an active Provision 2/3 non-base year or Community Eligibility Provision cycle, are prohibited from collecting NSLP applications and do not conduct verification activities.

You are in the right place if your SFA operates Provision 2/3 non-base year, CEP, a combination of regular NSLP, or is an RCCI without day students.

If you are an SFA with sites that **only** operate regular NSLP, this webinar does not apply to you.

• Please log off and go to the <u>NSLP training webpage</u> to review the appropriate training for your SFAs operation.

#### Intended Audience

This training is intended for **School Food Authorities** (SFAs) that did not collect household applications. All regulations are specific to operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) under the direction of ADE.

## Objectives

#### At the end of this training, attendees should be able to:

- understand the USDA requirements for ADE's oversight of the verification process;
- understand how to submit the Verification Summary Report (VSR) through ADEConnect.

#### **TRAINING HOURS**

Information to include when documenting this training for Professional Standards:

**Training Title:** Submitting the Verification Summary Report for SFAs that DID NOT Collect Household Applications

Key Area: 3000 - Administration

**Learning Code: 3110** 

Length: 1 hour

#### Questions

# SUBMITTING THE VERIFICATION SUMMARY REPORT IS INDIVIDUALIZED.

Therefore, questions will not be answered live, but should instead be forwarded to your specific HNS Specialist in order to get the most accurate responses for your SFA.



## Agenda

**Section 1: Overview of Verification** 

**Section 2: Accessing CNP Verification Reporting in ADEConnect** 

**Section 3: Completing the Verification Summary Report** 

**Section 4: Common Reporting Errors** 

**Section 5: Next Steps** 

# Today's Webinar Essentials

To actively participate in the webinar and submit your Verification Summary Report, you need each of the following:

- Google Chrome
- Access to CNP Verification Reporting in ADEConnect
- Preferred: Copy of October 2024's claim.

#### Poll Time

Do you plan on submitting your Verification Summary Report today?

- Yes! I have everything I need to submit my report.
- 2 No, I do not have access to CNP Verification Reporting.
- No, I do not have the total enrollment as of October 31st, 2024.
- 4 No, I do not have 2 or 3.
- 5 I already submitted and I am here to check my work.



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# SECTION OF Overview of Verification



# What is Verification?

Verification is the process of **confirming free and reduced-price** meal eligibility. Verification activities are only required when eligibility is determined through the **household application** process, not through direct certification (DC).

Please note: All SFAs are required to submit the VSR, regardless of the operation. So even though verification activities may not be required, the VSR must always be submitted.



#### Verification Phases

#### THE FOUR PHASES

There are four phases of verification. These phases are:

- Phase 1: Prepare
- Phase 2: Calculate and Select
- Phase 3: Verify
- Phase 4: Report

#### **PHASE 1: PREPARE**

In this phase, organize all approved applications.

#### **PHASE 2: CALCULATE AND SELECT**

In this phase, determine how many applications will be verified and select the applications using an appropriate sampling method.

#### **PHASE 3: VERIFY**

In this phase, conduct direct verification on the selected applications in CNP Direct Verification, and contact the households that were not directly verified.

#### **PHASE 4: REPORT**

In this phase, log into ADEConnect to submit the Verification Summary Report (VSR) in CNP Verification Reporting.

# Verification Timeline

#### **SEPTEMBER 1**

Begin Phase 1

#### **OCTOBER 1**

Begin Phases 2 & 3

#### **NOVEMBER 15**

- Phase 3 ends.
- Phase 4 begins.

#### **FEBRUARY 1**

Phase 4 deadline.

# Reporting Requirements

Each year, SFAs must report:

- their enrollment data as of October 31; and,
- the number of applications selected for verification and the results of verification activities. (Only if the SFA conducted verification.)

Any SFA that does not submit their report by February 1 will have their reimbursements placed on hold until the report is submitted.

# Submitting your verification report

- Think of the VSR as telling HNS your verification "short story."
  - Those operating Special Provision Options have an extra short story since they are not required to perform verification activities.
- We hope many of you can submit your VSR today. If not, that's okay!

Your assigned HNS specialist can provide you with technical assistance after the webinar if you need additional help.



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# SECTION 2

# Accessing CNP Verification Reporting in ADEConnect



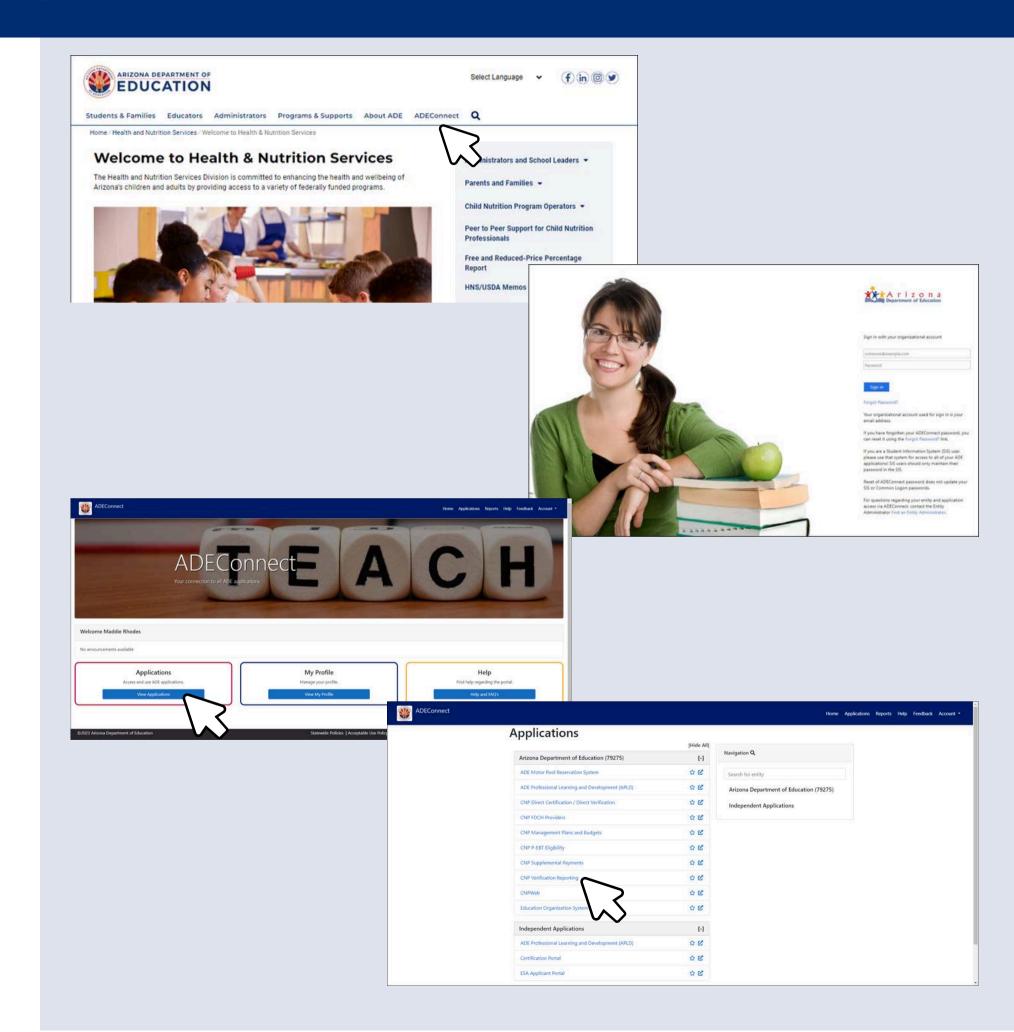
# Time to Follow Along!

Please follow along by opening another tab/window in Google Chrome.



#### ADEConnect

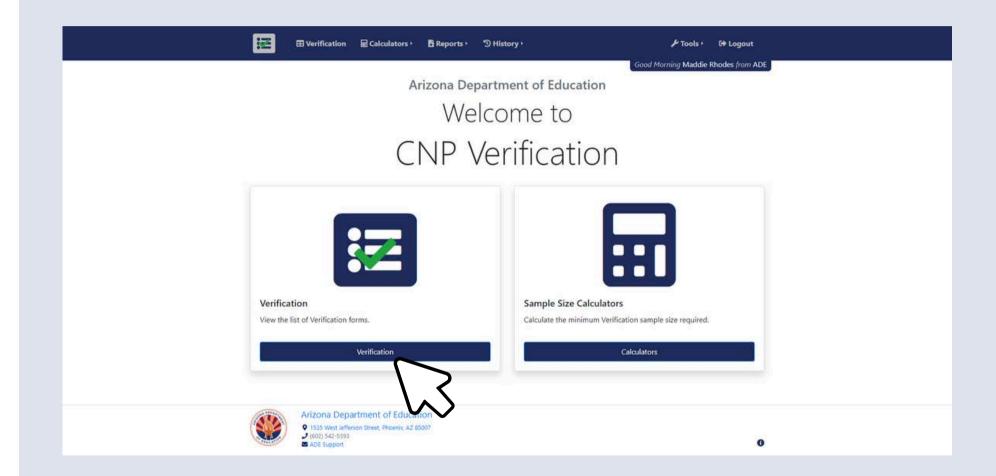
- 1 Go to any ADE webpage: <u>www.azed.gov/hns</u>
- 2 Click ADEConnect.
- The system will either log you in automatically or you will need to enter your username and password.
- 4 Click View Applications.
- 5 Select CNP Verification Reporting.



# CNP Verification Reporting

The **CNP Verification Reporting** application will load.

Next, select **Verification**.



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# SECTION 3

# Completing the Verification Summary Report



#### INFORMATION IN THE HEADER

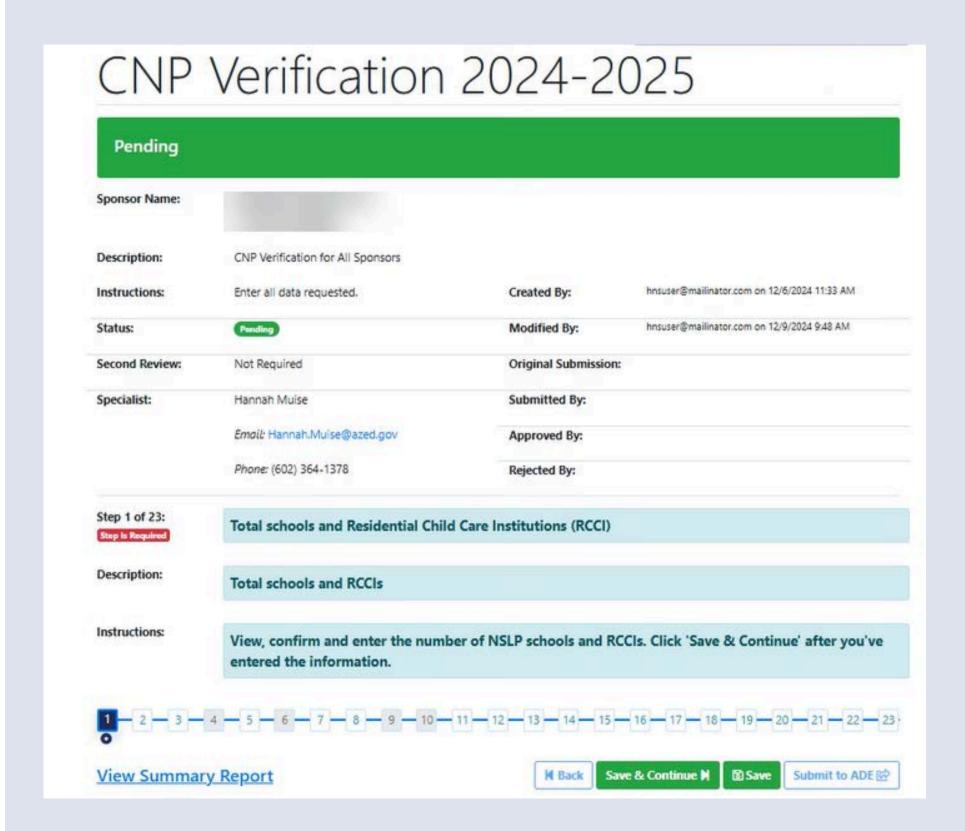
After selecting Verification, the webpage where you will submit your Verification Summary Report (VSR) will load.

The header of this page includes:

- Sponsor Name
- Description
- Instructions
- Status
- Specialist

There are 23 total steps to complete.

• The report will automatically skip the steps that are not necessary to fill out.

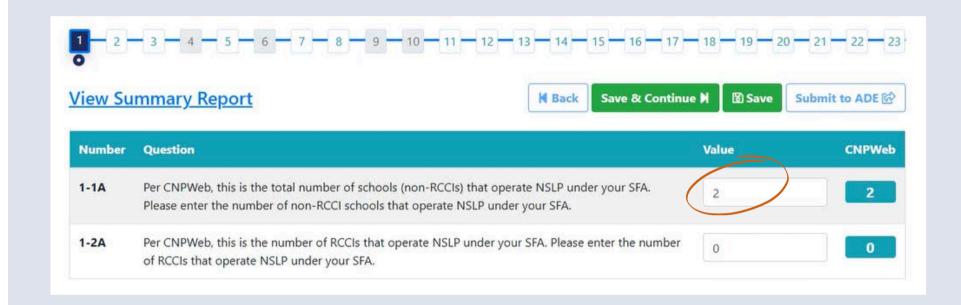


#### **STEP 1: TOTAL SCHOOLS & RCCIS**

1-1A: Input the total number of schools that operate NSLP under your SFA.

1-2A: Input the number of Residential Child Care Centers (RCCIs) that operate NSLP under your SFA.

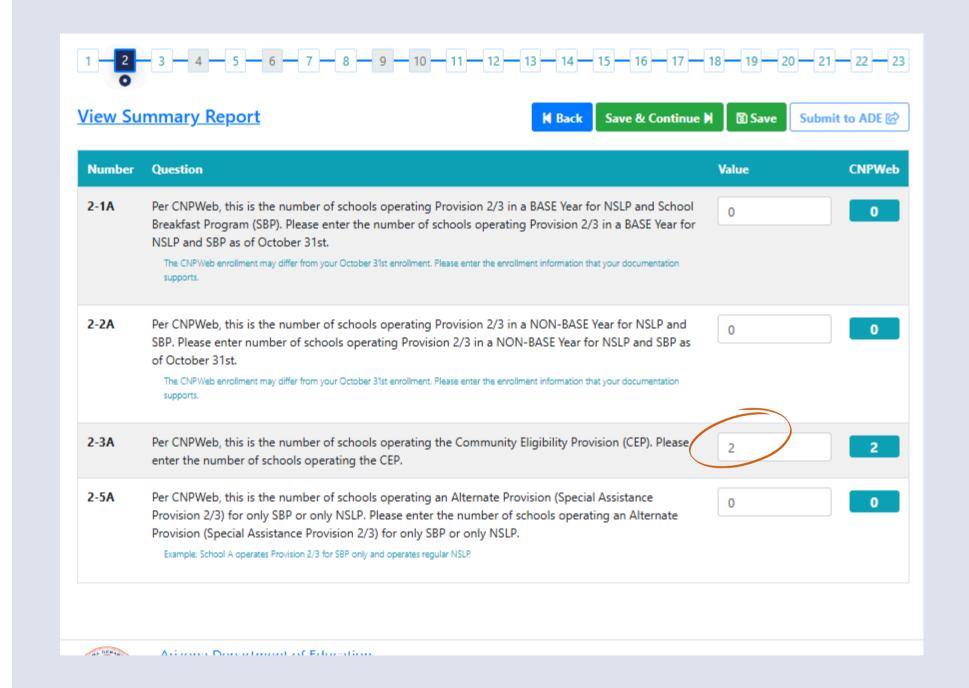
 Most SFAs do not operate NSLP as RCCIs. This field will not apply to most operators.



#### STEP 2:

This page applies to schools operating a Special Provision Option/CEP.

- 2-1A: Input number of Provision 2/3 schools on a BASE YEAR for both SBP and NSLP.
- 2-2A: Input number of Provision 2/3 schools on a NON-BASE YEAR for both SBP and NSLP.
- 2-3A: Input the number of schools participating in **CEP**.
- 2-5A: Input the number of schools that are participating in Provision 2/3 for SBP only or NSLP only.

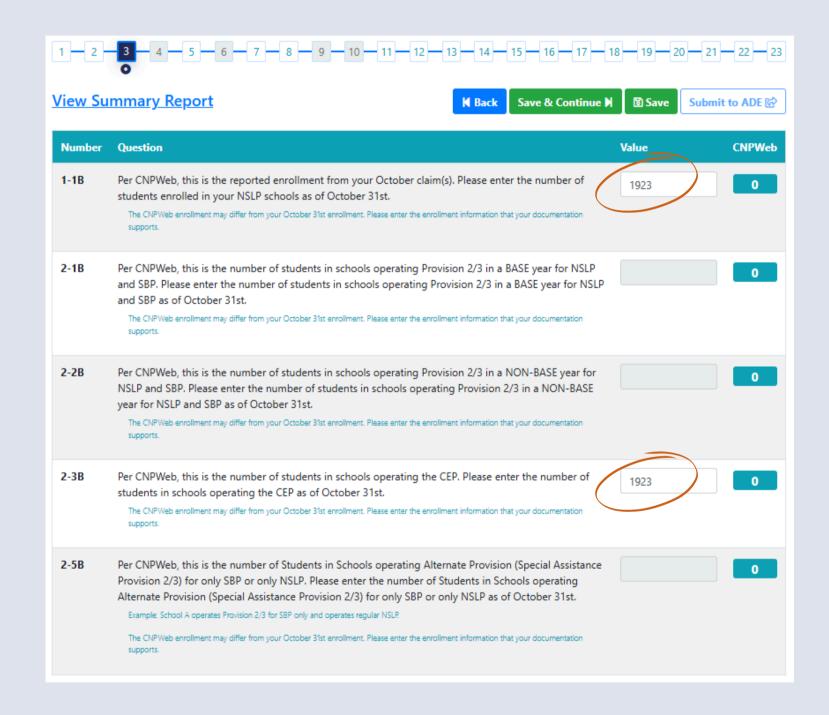




If Provision is being operated for only SBP or NSLP, applications would still be required for the non-provision meal that is being served. Therefore, verification activities would be required.

#### **STEP 3: REPORTED ENROLLMENT**

- **1-1B:** Input the total number of students enrolled as of October 31.
  - 2-1B: Input number of Provision 2/3 students in schools on a **BASE YEAR** for both SBP and NSLP.
  - 2-2B: Input number of Provision 2/3 students in schools on a NON-BASE YEAR for both SBP and NSLP.
  - 2-3B: Input the number of students in schools participating in CEP.
  - 2-5B: Input the number of students in schools that are participating in Provision 2/3 for SBP only or NSLP only.





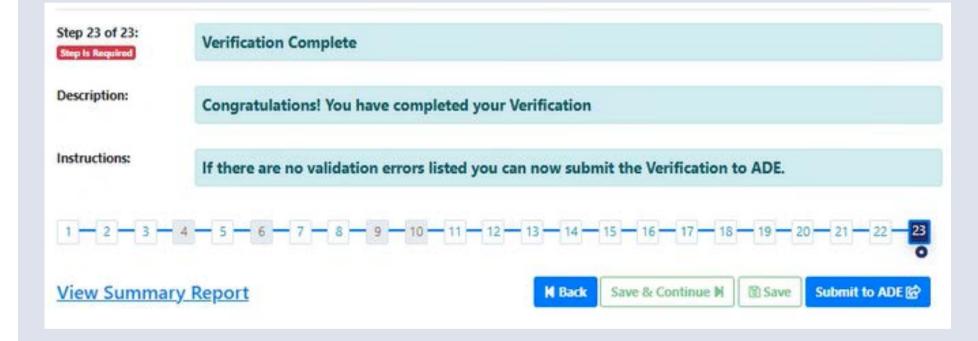
Hint: If all schools are participating in a Provision 2/3 Non-Base Year or CEP, the number of students listed in 2-2B and 2-3B should total the number of students listed in 1-1B.

#### **STEP 23: VERIFICATION COMPLETE!**

After completing Step 3, you will be directed to Step 23 and are ready to submit your report to ADE.

• If you receive an error message, return to the question referenced in the message and address the error accordingly. Should you need assistance, please contact your HNS Specialist.

If no error message is received, select "Submit to ADE" to submit your VSR.





If the SFA has sites participating in regular NSLP along with sites that participate in a special provision, the SFA will need to fill out the rest of the VSR steps with the information obtained during Verification activities for those sites. For detailed instructions please view: <u>Submitting the Verification Summary Report for SFAs</u>
That Collected Applications.

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SECTION 4

Common
Reporting

Errors



# Common Error #1

#### **OCTOBER 31ST ENROLLMENT**

Remember, it is required that all SFAs report their total SFA enrollment number as of October 31st in field 1-1B.

In addition to reporting this in 1-1B, it is required to report the number of students enrolled in the school's specific operation (non-base year, CEP, etc.) this is reported in the same step as 1-1B.

• The total enrollment reported in 1-1B should account for the same number of students reported in 2-2B and 2-3B.

Let's go through some examples!

# Common Error #1

#### **OCTOBER 31ST ENROLLMENT**

#### Example: SFA that operates only on a non-base year

Number	Question	Value
1-1B	Per CNPWeb, this is the reported enrollment from your October claim(s). Please enter the number of students enrolled in your NSLP schools as of October 31st.  The CNPWeb enrollment may differ from your October 31st enrollment. Please enter the enrollment information that your documentation supports.	415
2-1B	Per CNPWeb, this is the number of students in schools operating Provision 2/3 in a BASE year for NSLP and SBP. Please enter the number of students in schools operating Provision 2/3 in a BASE year for NSLP and SBP as of October 31st.  The CNPWeb enrollment may differ from your October 31st enrollment. Please enter the enrollment information that your documentation supports.	
2-2B	Per CNPWeb, this is the number of students in schools operating Provision 2/3 in a NON-BASE year for NSLP and SBP. Please enter the number of students in schools operating Provision 2/3 in a NON-BASE year for NSLP and SBP as of October 31st.  The CNPWeb enrollment may differ from your October 31st enrollment. Please enter the enrollment information that your documentation supports.	415
2-3B	Per CNPWeb, this is the number of students in schools operating the CEP. Please enter the number of students in schools operating the CEP as of October 31st.  The CNPWeb enrollment may differ from your October 31st enrollment. Please enter the enrollment information that your documentation supports.	
2-5B	Per CNPWeb, this is the number of Students in Schools operating Alternate Provision (Special Assistance Provision 2/3) for only SBP or only NSLP. Please enter the number of Students in Schools operating Alternate Provision (Special Assistance Provision 2/3) for only SBP or only NSLP as of October 31st.  Example: School A operates Provision 2/3 for SBP only and operates regular NSLP.  The CNPWeb enrollment may differ from your October 31st enrollment. Please enter the enrollment information that your documentation supports.	

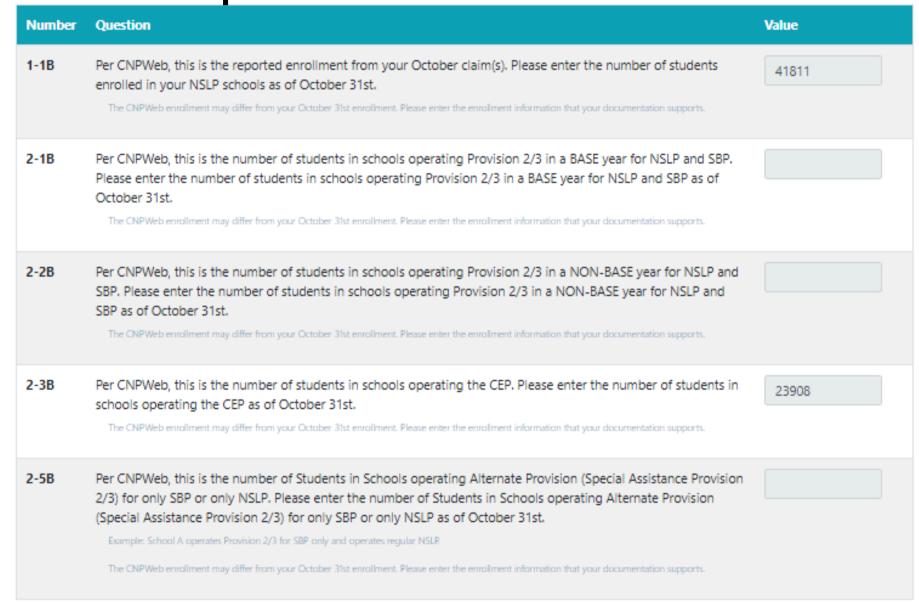
#### 1-1B and 2-2B should match!

• **Why?** Because all sites are operating Provision 2/3 non-base year for breakfast and lunch.

# Common Error #1

#### **OCTOBER 31ST ENROLLMENT**

Example: SFA in which some sites operate regular NSLP, and some sites operate CEP



**41,811 total enrolled:** 60 sites operate CEP with 23,908 enrolled in those sites. The additional 40 sites operate regular NSLP with 17,903 students enrolled.

• These 17,903 students would be reported throughout the rest of the VSR.

# REPORTING IN INCORRECT FIELD

- Read 2-1B through 2-5B carefully to ensure you are inputting enrollment counts in the correct Special Provision Option(s) that your SFA operates.
- There are different fields for Provision 2/3 base year and non-base year, CEP, and for sites that operate a Special Provision Options for SBP or NSLP only.
- You most likely will leave some of these fields blank because you do not operate all options.

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SECTION 5
Next Steps



#### Next Steps

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT MY REPORT?

- Your assigned HNS Specialist will review your report to check for any potential errors and will contact you if any revisions are needed.
- You do not need to alert HNS once you have submitted.
- When your report is in "approved" status, your specialist has already reviewed your report and no further action is needed.



## Next Steps

#### **KEEP A COPY ON FILE**

- The VSR will be part of your Administrative Review and will be reviewed for accuracy at that time.
- Keep the printed version of your VSR on file for a minimum of five years.



# Thank you!

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If you are watching the recorded webinar, you can access the survey link and certificate of completion at the end of the webinar slides.



# CONTACT US

If you have a question or require additional assistance, please contact your assigned specialist or contact HNS.



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# Congratulations

You have completed Submitting the Verification Summary Report for SFAs that Did Not Collect Household Applications

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