

# Setting up Online Meal Benefit Applications [.2119 - .2323]

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To properly enable and manage online Meal Benefit Applications, the following setup steps must be completed:

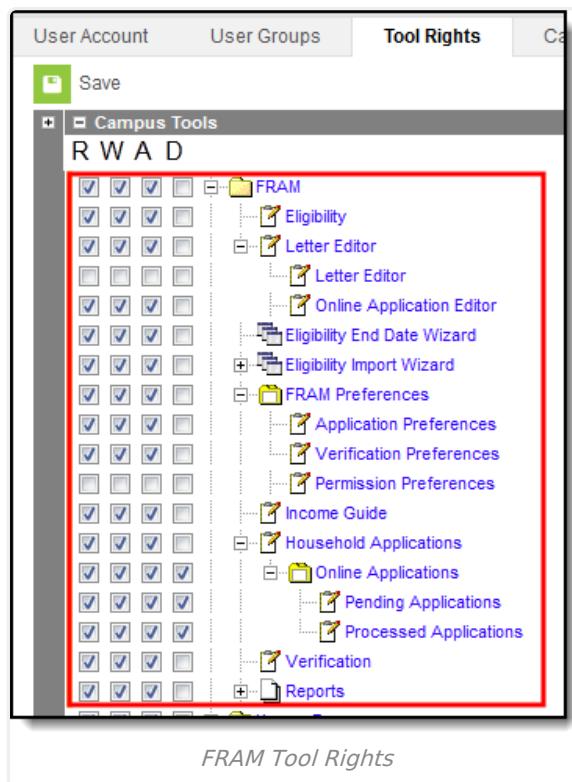
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## Step 1. Assign Proper Tool Rights and District Assignment Values

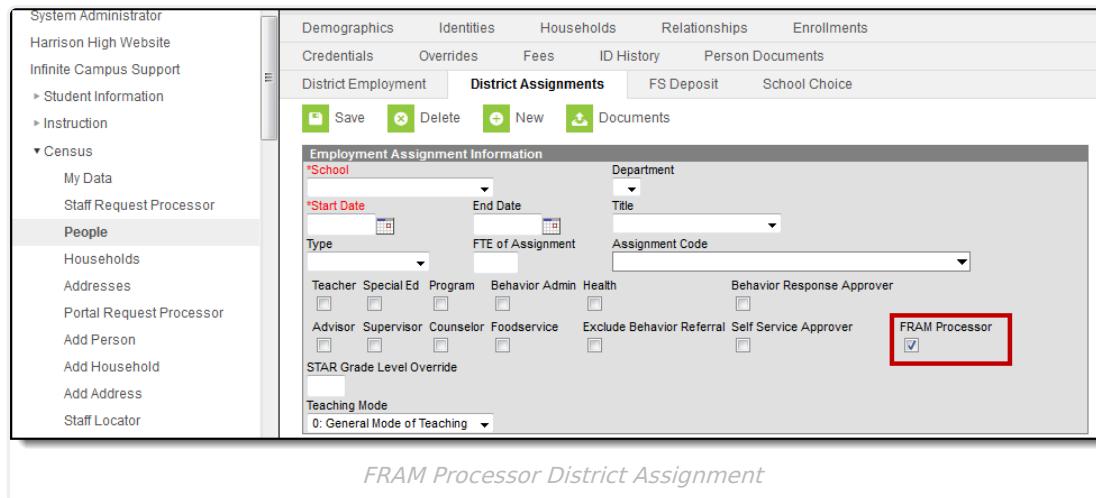
**Classic View:** System Administration > User Security > Users > Tool Rights

In order for Campus application users to properly manage and process Meal Benefit Applications, proper tool rights must be assigned to appropriate users.



FRAM Tool Rights

Along with proper FRAM tool rights, users responsible for processing applications must have the [FRAM Processor](#) checkbox marked on their [District Assignment](#).

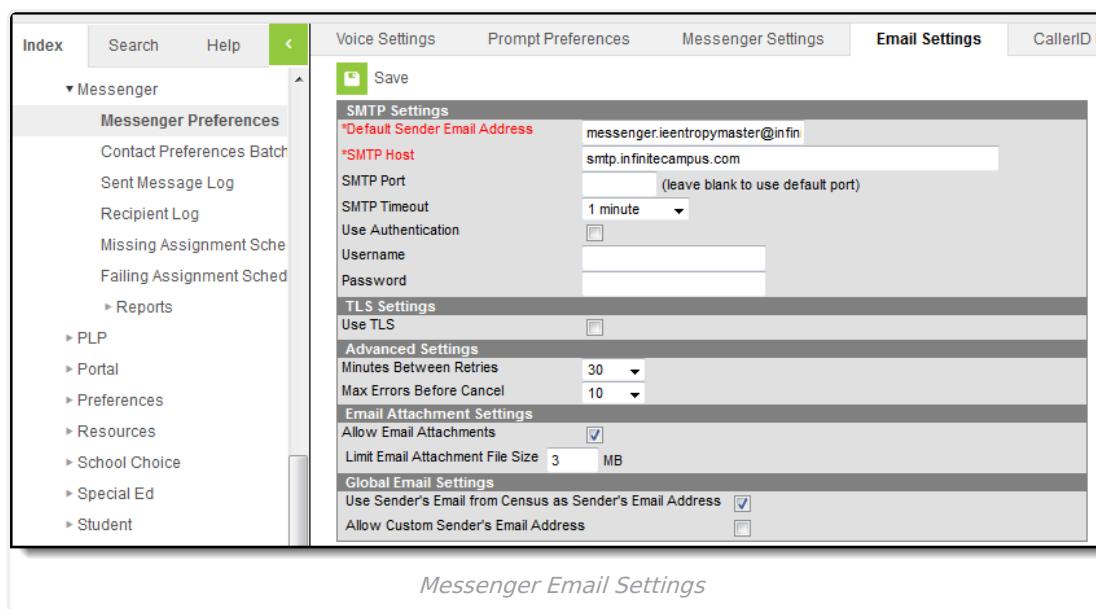


FRAM Processor District Assignment

## Step 2. Set Up Messenger Email Settings

**Classic View:** System Administration > Messenger > Messenger Preferences > Email Settings

In order for online Meal Benefit Applications to function correctly, Messenger Email Settings must be established. See the [Email Settings](#) article for more information.



Messenger Email Settings

## Step 3. Enable Password Reset

**Classic View:** System Administration > User Security > User Preference Management > Password Reset Configuration

Password Reset functionality must be enabled for online Meal Benefit Applications to function correctly. Password Reset gives users the ability to reset their PIN (electronic signature) if they forget it. See the [Password Reset Configuration](#) article for detailed instruction on how to enable this feature.

## Step 4. Enable E-Signature

**Classic View:** System Administration > User Security > E-Signature

E-Signature is functionality that allows application signers to use a PIN to submit a legally-binding signature with their application.

See the [E-Signature](#) article for instructions on setting up E-Signature functionality.

### If you do NOT Activate E-Signature Functionality

- It is ultimately the responsibility of each CNP SA (Child Nutrition Program State Agency) and local agency to review their state's statutes and policies regarding what is required for the electronic transfer of information in state-administered Federal programs. Know the

requirements prior to activating or deactivating E-Signature.

- The standard application instructions (found in FRAM > Letter Editor > [Online Application Instructions](#)) lists information on PIN use in several places. If you are turning off or not using E-Signatures, update the instructions to remove reference to the PIN requirements.
- There is language in the [Terms of Use section of the E-Signature](#) which mentions the electronic signature. Consider moving the information from this section to the Authorization Statement section of the Application Instructions if you are not using the electronic signature.

The screenshot shows the Infinite Campus software interface with a sidebar containing various application links. The main window is titled 'TEST SCHOOL' and is focused on 'E-Signature' settings. It includes sections for 'User Account Management and Password Reset' and 'Terms of Use'. The 'Terms of Use' section contains text about electronic signatures and PINs. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Activate E-Signature use' with a checkbox for 'Portal' which is checked and highlighted with a red box.

Activate E-Signature use

Portal

Enabling E-Signature Functionality

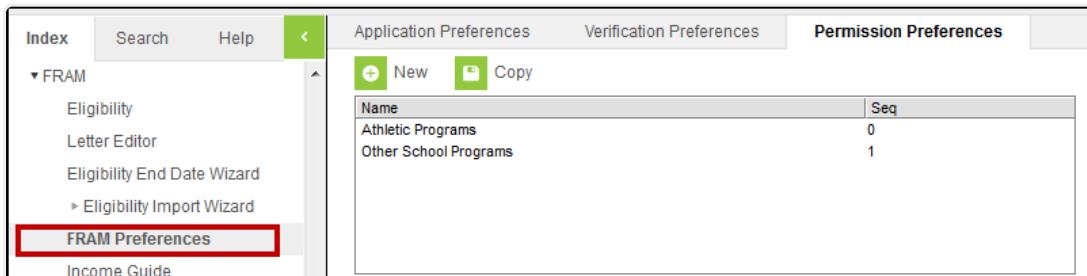
## Step 5. Create Permission Preferences

**Classic View:** FRAM > FRAM Preferences > Permission Preferences

If your district provides additional educational benefits (i.e. reduced or no charge sports fees, text

books, etc.) to students who have a free or reduced meal benefit, then permissions can be established on the [Permissions Preferences](#) tab. Permission Preferences allow the application signer to give the district permission to share their child(ren)'s free or reduced meal benefit with staff in charge of other school programs.

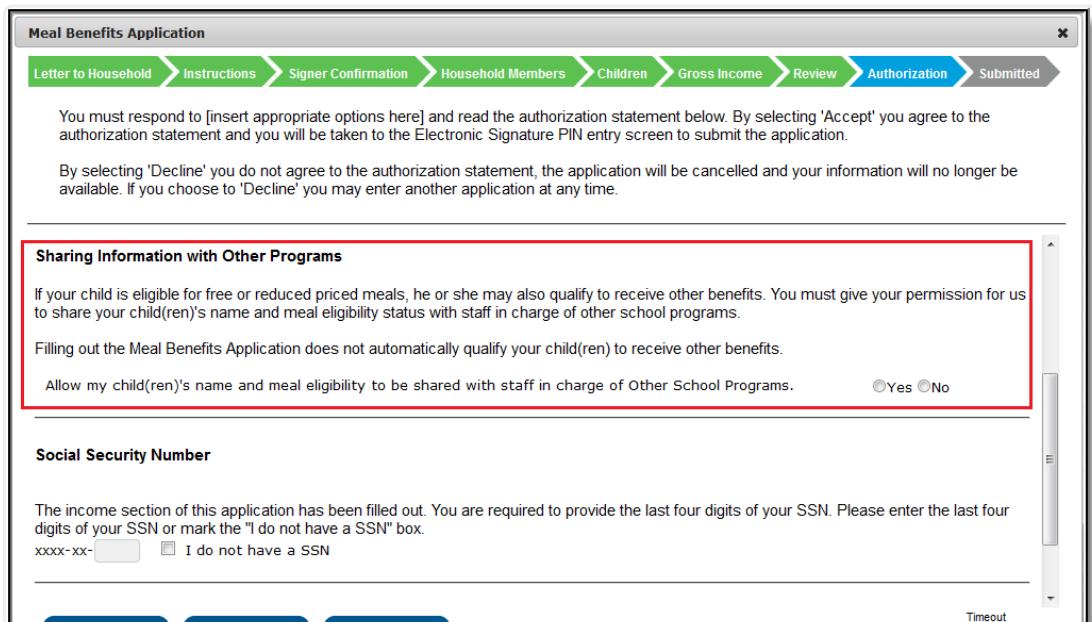
Permissions should be done before setting up Online Application templates as permissions will appear and can be established within templates.



Name	Seq
Athletic Programs	0
Other School Programs	1

*Establishing Permission Preferences*

Once permissions are established, application signers will be asked whether or not they authorize the district to share their student's meal benefit information with relevant district staff.



**Sharing Information with Other Programs**

If your child is eligible for free or reduced priced meals, he or she may also qualify to receive other benefits. You must give your permission for us to share your child(ren)'s name and meal eligibility status with staff in charge of other school programs.

Filling out the Meal Benefits Application does not automatically qualify your child(ren) to receive other benefits.

Allow my child(ren)'s name and meal eligibility to be shared with staff in charge of Other School Programs.  Yes  No

**Social Security Number**

The income section of this application has been filled out. You are required to provide the last four digits of your SSN. Please enter the last four digits of your SSN or mark the "I do not have a SSN" box.

xxxx-xx-   I do not have a SSN

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*Meal Benefit Permissions on Application*

Establishing permissions will also enable permissions to appear within the [Household Applications](#) tool, where the user can decide whether or not the child(ren)'s meal benefits are shared with relevant district staff members.

Household Applications

**New Application Type**  
 Meal Benefits Application  Educational Benefits Application

**New Application Detail**

*Application Date 08/06/2014	*Effective Date 09/06/2014	*Expiration Date 09/30/2015	Determining Official System Administrator
School Year 14-15	*Opt Out Medicaid <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	*Opt Out SCHIP <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

**Permission Detail**

Permission Name	Share Permission	Permission Name	Share Permission
Athletic Programs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Other School Programs	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

*Permissions in Household Application Tool*

## Step 6. Establish Online Application Templates

**Classic View:** FRAM > Letter Editor

Once permissions have been entered, Online Application and Inbox Message templates must be reviewed and filled out accordingly. These templates allow districts to dictate what text is provided to the Portal user during the online Meal Benefits Application process.

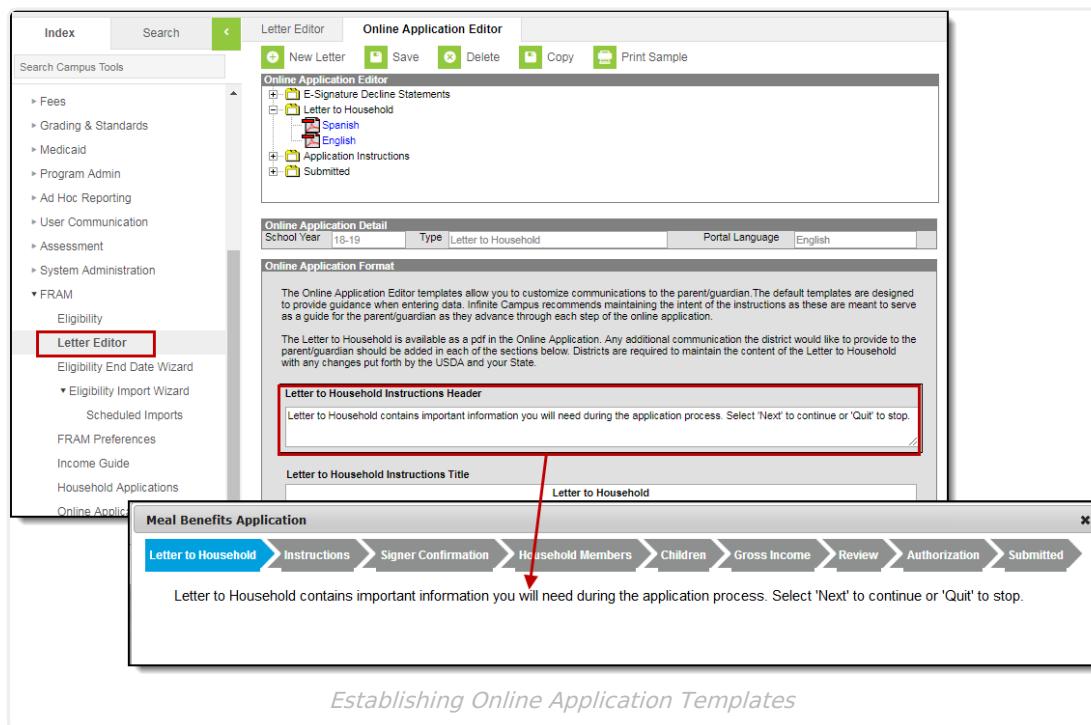
For more information, see the following articles:

- [Online Application Editor](#)
- [FRAM Letter Editor](#)

You must have at least one **English (Portal)** Process Inbox letter on the [Letter Editor tab](#). If the letter is not set up, the error message "Online Application Letters must be set up" will display on the [FRAM Preferences](#).

If this is the first time you are enabling Online Applications and you are setting up the Approval/Denial Letter for the upcoming school year prior to July 1, must set up Approval and Denial Letters for both the current and future years, even if you do not intend to use the current year's letters.





Establishing Online Application Templates

## Step 7. Establish Application Preferences

**Classic View:** FRAM > FRAM Preferences > Application Preferences

Users must establish Application Preferences related to Meal Benefit Application functionality. The fields highlighted below must be reviewed and entered appropriately.

For more information about each field, see the [FRAM Preferences](#) article.

The screenshot shows the 'Application Preferences' tab in the FRAM system. The 'Meal Benefits' checkbox under 'Meal Benefit Application Preferences' is checked and highlighted with a red box. Other sections like '17-18 Date Preferences' and 'Process Alerts Messages' are also highlighted with red boxes.

**Application Preferences**

**Verification Preferences**

**Permit**

**Save**

**17-18 Date Preferences**

\*Default Expiration Date: 10/08/2018

**Eligibility Import Preferences**

Include Medicaid in Extend Direct Certification:

**General Letter Preferences**

Hide Breakfast Program:

Hide Eligibility Expiration Date:

**Custom Letter Preferences**

Use Custom Approval/Denial Letter:

**Canned Letter Preferences**

Hearing Official Name:

Homeless Coordinator:

Migrant Coordinator:

Runaway Coordinator:

**General Application Preferences**

Auto Fill Application Name: Signer's Name

Auto Fill Reference Number: 9917

Display Medicaid Opt Out:

Display SCHIP Opt Out:

Hide Annual (Yearly):

\*Benefit Case Number: Min 4 Max 20

**Process Alerts Messages:**

Include Paper Applications:

Include Approval/Denial Letter:

State Agency Name: MDE

SFA ID:

**Provision Preferences**

Educational Benefits Applications Processed:

**Online Application Preferences**

Meal Benefits:

FRAM Processor Locked Time: 15

USDA Acronym:

Medicaid

SCHIP

SNAP

TANF

FDPIR

Other

Other

Other

Meal Benefit Application Preferences

## Step 8. Enable Online Meal Benefit Application Functionality

**Classic View:** FRAM > FRAM Preferences > Application Preferences

To enable online Meal Benefit Application functionality, mark the **Meal Benefits** checkbox on the Application Preferences tab. Once this checkbox is marked and saved, the **Applications/Forms** section of the Portal will become available, allowing users to select the **Meal Benefits Application** link and begin submitting their applications to the district.

This checkbox is not available unless Steps 1 - 6 are complete.

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**Application Preferences**   [Verification Preferences](#)   [Permissions](#)

**13-14 Date Preferences**

\*Default Expiration Date: 09/30/2014

**Eligibility Import Preferences**

Include Medicaid in Extend Direct Certification:

**General Letter Preferences**

Hide Breakfast Program:

Hide Eligibility Expiration Date:

**Custom Letter Preferences**

Use Custom Approval/Denial Letter:

**Canned Letter Preferences**

Hearing Official Name: Ceil Nordquist  
 Homeless Coordinator: Helga Holly  
 Migrant Coordinator: Mario Tennison  
 Runaway Coordinator: Ricky Varai  
 Head Start Coordinator:

**General Application Preferences**

Auto Fill Application Name: Signer's Name

Auto Fill Reference Number: 780

Display Medicaid Opt Out:

Display SCHIP Opt Out:

**Process Inbox Messages:**

Include Paper Applications:   
 Include Approval/Denial Letter:

State Agency Name:   
 SFA ID:

**Provision Preferences**

Educational Benefits Applications Processed:

\*Provision applies to:

Individual School(s)  All Schools

**Online Application Preferences**

Meal Benefits:

FRAM Processor Locked Time: 60

**USDA Acronym:**

Medicaid  
 SCHIP  
 SNAP  
 TANF  
 FDPIR  
 Other  
 Other  
 Other

**State Acronym:**

Enabling Meal Benefits Applications on Portal

## Step 9. Assign Emancipated Students

# the Campus Parent Portal Homepage

To access the online application, [emancipated students](#) must be assigned the **Campus Parent Portal** homepage on their user account and given the [Campus Parent Portal](#) URL to fill out the online application.

Emancipated students who are assigned the Campus Parent Portal homepage in their user account can access their own information in Campus Student and Campus Parent. If the emancipated student is assigned as a guardian to other students, information for the other students can be viewed by the emancipated student. For more information about emancipated students, see the [Emancipated Students](#) article.

User Account Information 

User Management > User Accounts > User Account Information

Barrons.Demitri Barrons, Demitri

 Save  Delete  Login As User  User Rights Summary  Reset Account Settings

**User Account Editor**

<b>*Username</b> Barrons.Demitri	<b>Expires Date</b> <input type="text"/>	<b>Homepage</b> <input type="text" value="Campus Parent Portal"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Force Password Change	<b>Password</b> <a href="#">Reset Password</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude From Multi-Factor Authentication		
<input type="checkbox"/> Time-based Two-factor Authentication w/ Enhanced Security		

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## Submitting Meal Benefit Applications via Portal

**Portal:** [More > Meal Benefits](#)

Once the Meal Benefit Application setup is complete, users can access and submit applications via the link within [Portal: More > Meal Benefits Application](#).

For more information about the Portal application process, see the [Meal Benefits Application \(Portal\)](#) article.

**Applications/Forms**

Meal Benefits Application [click here to start the application process](#)

Reports on this page require the Adobe Acrobat Reader (free). 

**Meal Benefits Application**

Letter to Household > Instructions > Signer Confirmation > Household Members > Children > Gross Income > Review > Authorization > Submitted

Letter to Household contains important information you will need during the application process. You may print a PDF of this letter by selecting the print icon. Select 'Next' to continue or 'Quit' to stop.

**Letter to Household**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. [Name of School] offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs [\$]; lunch costs [\$]. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is [\$] for breakfast and [\$] for lunch.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: [name, address, phone number]. If you would like to complete a paper application instead, you can print a paper application by

**Quit**

**Next**

Timeout

24:51