

## **Vermont's At-Risk Identifier**

### **Title 16**

#### **§ 4001. Definitions**

"Poverty ratio" means the number of persons in the school district who are aged six through 17 and who are from economically deprived backgrounds, divided by the long-term membership of the school district.

A person from an economically deprived background means a person who resides with a family unit receiving nutrition benefits. The Secretary shall use a method of measuring the nutrition benefits population that produces data reasonably representative of long-term trends.

A person who does not reside with a family unit receiving nutrition benefits but for whom English is not the primary language shall also be counted in the numerator of the ratio. Persons for whom English is not the primary language shall be identified pursuant to subsection 4010(e) of this title.

#### **§ 4010. Determination of weighted membership**

(c) The Secretary shall determine the weighted long-term membership for each school district using the long-term membership from subsection (b) of this section and the following weights for each class:

Prekindergarten 0.46

Elementary or kindergarten 1.0

Secondary 1.13

(d) The weighted long-term membership calculated under subsection (c) of this section shall be increased for each school district to compensate for additional costs imposed by students from economically deprived backgrounds.

The adjustment shall be equal to the total from subsection (c) of this section, multiplied by 25 percent, and further multiplied by the poverty ratio of the district.

(e) The weighted long-term membership calculated under subsection (c) of this section shall be further increased by 0.2 for each student in average daily membership for whom English is not the primary language.