

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Income Exclusion Policy

- Effective August 1, 2010 (Update November 1, 2015)
- All income excluded under the food assistance program regulations, as set forth described in rule 5101:4-4-13 of the Administrative Code.
- The gross earnings of a minor child in the assistance group **who is a full-time student as defined by the school, unless the minor is a parent. Minor child is defined in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code.**
- Cash Assistance policy defines a minor as someone who is under 19 and is attending high school full time and the status does not change until they graduate or leave high school.
- There's a similar exclusion of income for food assistance in 5101:4-4-13 (see note below)
- 5101:1-23-20.1 Ohio Works First: Excluded Income
- CAMTL 104
- Effective Date: November 1, 2015
- Most Current Prior Effective Date: August 1, 2010
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- (A)What is excluded from gross earned income?
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- (1) All income excluded under the food assistance program regulations, as set forth described in rule 5101:4-4-13 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) The gross earnings of a minor child in the assistance group who is a full-time student as defined by the school, unless the minor is a parent. Minor child is defined in section 5107.02 of the Revised Code.
- <http://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/CashFoodAssist/CAM/Chapter2000/5101-1-23-20-1.stm>
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- There's a similar exclusion of income for food assistance in 5101:4-4-13. See the excerpt below.
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- (G)The earned income of any assistance group members who live with a natural, adoptive, or stepparent, or under the parental control of an assistance group member other than a parent, who are elementary or secondary school students, and who are seventeen

years of age or younger. For purposes of this provision, an "elementary or secondary school student" is someone who attends classes to obtain a general equivalency diploma (GED) that are recognized, operated, or supervised by the student's state or local school district. The provision also applies to a student who attends elementary or secondary classes through a home-school program recognized or supervised by the student's state or local school district. This income is excluded even during temporary interruptions in school attendance due to semester or vacation breaks, provided the child's enrollment will resume following the break. If the child's earnings or the amount of work performed cannot be differentiated from that of other assistance group members, the total earnings shall be prorated equally among the working members and the child's pro rata share excluded. Individuals are considered children for this exclusion if they are under the parental control of another assistance group member. If an assistance group contains a student whose income is excluded and the student turns eighteen during the month of application, the student's earnings shall be excluded in the month of application and counted in the following month(s). If the student turns eighteen during the certification period, the student's income shall be excluded until the month following the month in which the student turns eighteen.

For this age group, the cash assistance policy defines minor as someone who is under 19 and is attending high school full-time. The minor status would not change until they graduate from high school or drop out. As you can see, the students are within the exemption policy.

A minor that is 18 receiving income would impact food assistance benefits regardless of school status.

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