

Community Eligibility Provision

Policy Reference: District Policies: Support Services, pages 233-235

Background Information: With the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, USDA made it possible for school districts operating under the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP was phased in over several years and is now available nationwide. CEP permits eligible schools to provide meal service to all students at no charge, regardless of economic status. CEP is based upon children that are categorically approved to receive free meals, which includes those whose families receive food stamps, TANF benefits, are migrants, runaways, foster children, and designated homeless students. CEP does not include families who receive benefits based upon income.

Application for CEP is based upon the number of direct certified students that our district has on April 1st of each year. The data collected on April 1st is used to determine what schools are CEP eligible for the following school year.

Purpose: To provide healthy meals to students at all eligible schools at no cost. Eliminate the free/reduced meal application process for parents.

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Or visit: www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision-resource-center

Recommended Action: Approve recommended schools for CEP

Estimated Project Cost: No Cost to General Fund

Recurring ____ Non-recurring____
Funding Sources: Food Services