

Community Eligibility Provision in South Carolina Public Charter School District

Eliminating School Meal Applications for High Poverty Schools

What is CEP?

CEP is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

- It provides an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals, by using direct certification data and a multiplier (1.6).
- Both breakfast and lunch meals are offered to students at no cost.

Requirements for Participation

- Schools with high percentages of free and reduced students must provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all students without collecting applications
- Serve breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students for 4 years.
- Count total breakfast and total lunch meals served to students daily.
- No household applications for free and reduced price meals.

How can a school in South Carolina Public Charter School District participate?

Individual school -individual school with 40% or more *Identified Students* participate in community eligibility.

Who are “Identified Students”?	Who are Enrolled Students?
<p>Children certified for free meals without a meal application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ▪ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or ▪ Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) ▪ Children certified for free meals: ▪ Foster care, by documentation other than meal application ▪ Homeless, Runaway list ▪ Migrant list ▪ Head Start or Even Start list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students who are enrolled in and attending schools participating in the community eligibility provision and who have access to at least one meal service daily. ▪ Students who do not have access to either breakfast or lunch due to the times they are attending school would not be included in the count of enrolled students.

Definitions

Identified Student Percentage (ISP): The percentage determined by dividing the number of Identified Students by the number of enrolled students Eligible SFAs/Schools.

SFAs/Schools: with an ISP of at least 40%

Potentially eligible SFAs/School: Schools with an ISP of at least 30% but less than 40%

ISP Calculation	Calculation Percentages
<p>ISP = # of Identified Students / # of enrolled students x 100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student enrollment = 500 ▪ Identified Students = 250 <p>ISP = 250/500 = 50%</p>	<p>ISP X 1.6 equals the % of total meals reimbursed at the Federal free rate. $50 \times 1.6 = 80\%$ 80% reimbursed at free rate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The remaining % of total meals is reimbursed at the Federal paid rate. $100\% - 80\% = 20\%$ 20% reimbursed at paid rate ▪ Any meals costs in excess of the total Federal reimbursement must be covered through non Federal sources.

Meal Reimbursements with CEP

Identified Student Percentage (ISP)	Percentage Free	Percentage Paid
40%	64%	36%
45%	72%	28%
50%	80%	20%
55%	88%	12%
60%	96%	4%
65%	100%	0%

Question and Answers:

What form should schools use to collect lunch data?

Non-CEP schools – can still use Free/Reduced application

CEP schools – Entertaining alternative form and other options. District will provide this information.

How will this impact Title I?

CEP does not impact the total amount of Title I at district receives, only the distribution.

How will the SCPCSD allocate Title I funds this year?

We will use the free and reduced lunch forms this year to allocate Title I Funds for Non-CEP schools. Direct certification data (SNAP) will be used for CEP schools.