

Community Eligibility Provision

(CEP)

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) meal service option that allows schools and school districts located in high poverty areas to offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students. CEP was authorized by the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA, Public Law 111-296; December 13, 2010).

Rather than collecting school meal applications to make individual student eligibility determinations, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students who automatically qualify for free meals based on their household's participation in specific means-tested programs.

Eligibility

Ensure that at least 25 percent of enrolled students are identified students (≥ 25 percent) as of April 1 in the prior school year.

Participate in both the NSLP and SBP.

Offer lunches and breakfasts to all students at no charge.

SOCUSD

Step 1: Calculating the Identified Student Percentage

If grouping schools, use the grouping calculator to assist in determining 1.1 and 1.2.

Enter the number of identified students and enrolled students that is reflective of April 1st in 1.1 and 1.2

[Click to define: Identified Students](#)

1.1) Enter the number of identified students

357

1.2) Enter the TOTAL student enrollment

722

ISP Base Number, rounded to 4 decimal places =

0.4945

ISP Percentage of identified students =

*****This percentage must be at least 25% to be eligible*****

49.45%

Percentage of meals reimbursed at the Federal FREE rate =

79.12%

Percentage of meals reimbursed at the Federal PAID rate =

20.88%

Benefits

Students: Increases access to nutritious school meals at no cost to students. Increases student participation. Improves the learning environment. Eliminates social stigma.

Households: Eliminates paperwork. No need to submit applications for students to receive free or reduced price school meals. No meal charges.

Schools: Eases administrative burden and improves program efficiency. Eliminates unpaid meal balances. We will still need to collect income data annually from all households for Title I funding.