

Public Media Release

Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

(Name of School/District) is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the (current school year) school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service Director Tory Gibson for additional information.

Parents or guardians who do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Tory Gibson informally.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to

Tory Gibson whose address is:

500 North Academy Street

Kingstree SC, 29556

for a hearing to appeal the decision.

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