

## Public Release for Rhea County School Nutrition Dept.

Rhea County Schools participate 100% in CEP (community eligibility provision)

- *The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications. Instead, schools that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students categorically eligible for free meals based on their participation in other specific means-tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).*
- Please contact the district office in the following situations:
  - You do not want your child to have free meals.
  - You have any additional questions.

Contact Debbie Blackmon at 423-775-7812 ext. 2226.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>

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