

CEP INFORMATION

Community Eligibility Provision



What is CEP?

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas.



CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and 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).



The higher percentage of students a school has directly certified impacts their ability to become a CEP school.

The primary driving factor is the percentage of students at a school that are directly certified for free meals.

To become directly certified, the student must be receiving benefits such as SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid (below the federal poverty limit of 130%), KTAP, be a foster child, be a migrant student, be a runaway student or be a homeless student.

All Boone County Schools with 39.69% and greater enrollment receiving direct benefits such as SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid (below the federal poverty limit of 130%), KTAP, Foster Child, Migrant Student, Runaway Student or Homeless student, are operating as CEP Schools.

Annually in April, we review each school to see if they would qualify for CEP to ensure we are extending the needed benefits to our families.

