



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Overview

Purpose

- Improve access to nutritious meals by providing breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost in qualifying schools

Requirements

- Use April 1st “ISP” data* to qualify schools
- May not ask parents/guardians of students in CEP schools to complete a meal benefits application
- Elect CEP schools by June 30

*Identified Student Percentage (ISP) = % of enrolled students directly certified for SNAP/TANF/Medicaid Free or are homeless, migrant, runaway, or foster

Benefits

Reduces
Access Barriers

Helps
Family Finances

Simplifies
Administration

Eliminates Meal Charges and
Alternate Meals

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Eligibility

Schools/groups of schools with an ISP $\geq 25\%$ as of April 1 qualify

Funding

- The 25% qualifier does NOT fully fund all meals
- Funding formula:
 - ISP x Federal “1.6 multiplier” = % meals funded at the higher free reimbursement rate; rest at lowest paid rate
- To maximize participating schools and funding, schools are “grouped” to leverage the high ISP of some with the lower ISP of others

$$\text{ISP} = \frac{\text{Identified Students}}{\text{Enrollment}} \times 100$$

62.5%
“Magic ISP Number”

62.5% x 1.6 = 100% meals reimbursed at the highest free reimbursement rate

CEP Implementation in WCPSS

Current

- Twelve schools, 1 group, ISP 100%
- Prior (1st) year: 7 schools, 2 groups

Future

- STEP 1. Use April 1st ISP data to determine schools/groups that qualify
- STEP 2. Report CEP schools to DPI by June 30

Groups maintain funding % based on ISP for 4 years without reevaluation however, they can be reset annually into new groups and/or with a new ISP, if beneficial

Current Schools

Barwell ES
Bugg ES
Connections Academy
Creech Road ES
East Garner Magnet ES
Longview
Mount Vernon
River Oaks MS
Rogers Lane ES
Southeast Raleigh ES
Walnut Creek ES
Wilburn ES

Potential Expansion for 2024-2025 SY

+22 Schools @ 62.62% ISP

(100% meals funded at free rate)

Aversboro ES	Millbrook ES
Beaverdam ES	Neuse River MS
Brentwood ES	Phillips HS
Carver ES	River Bend MS
Forestville ES	SCORE Academy
East Millbrook MS	Southeast Raleigh HS
Fox Road ES	Vandora Springs ES
Green ES	Wakelon ES
Hodge Road ES	Wildwood Forest ES
Knightdale ES	Zebulon ES
Lockhart ES	Zebulon MS

+6 @ 55.41% ISP

(88.7% meals funded at free rate)

Centennial MS
East Garner MS
River Bend ES
Smith ES
Timber Drive ES
Yates Mill Pond ES

Funding differential offset using
repurposed Wake Gov
Universal Breakfast funding

Questions ?