



**Brackett ISD Food Service
Community Eligibility Program (CEP)
2025-2026**

What is CEP?

Community Eligibility Provision:

- Offered by US Department of Agriculture Lunch Program
- Economically Identified Student Percentage (ISP) > 25% (BISD = 52.10% year 1; decreasing)
- Eligible LEA's/schools agree to serve all students free lunches and breakfasts for four successive school years
- can not request lunch applications

Benefits of Implementing CEP



- Serve free lunches and breakfasts to all students
- Reduced paper work for households and school food service because no household applications are collected and processed
- Reduced chance of overt identification and stigma

Procedures: General



- LEAs must notify the State no later than June 30th of the school year prior to the first year of electing CEP
- A new identified student percentage may be established each year of the four year cycle for use in the following year
- LEAs may elect to stop CEP for the next school year for one or more participating schools by notifying the State no later than June 30th of the current school year
- If an LEA or school elects to stop CEP, LEAs may restore standard meal counting and claiming at any time during the current SY or the next SY

CEP-PILOT LUNCH PROGRAM REVIEW

BISD COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM	YEAR 1 2023-24	YEAR 2 2024-25	INCREASE (DECREASE)	YEAR 3 2025-26
MEALS SERVED:				
LUNCH	55,381	56,241	860	56,241
BREAKFAST	46,413	49,330	2,917	49,330
TOTAL	101,794	105,571	3,777	105,571
MEALS REVENUE:				
BREAKFAST-Federal	\$ 110,211	\$ 119,986	\$ 9,775	119,986
LUNCH-Federal	\$ 208,705	\$ 217,807	\$ 9,102	217,807
MEALS-Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
TOTAL	\$ 318,916	\$ 337,793	\$ 18,877	\$ 337,793
*Assumptions:				
0% inc. in meals served for 2025-2026	Identified Student Percentage Ratio = 52.10%			
May, 2025 meals claim estimated	83.36 % meals reimbursed at FREE rate			
Federal Reimbursement rates for 2024-2025	16.64 % meals reimbursed at PAID rate			

Continuing of CEP PILOT PROGRAM MEANS:

- Educating Community
- Plan for Increased Participation - all children must receive an National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal if present at school.
- Evaluate every year, may change back to regular NSLP program anytime
- ISP rate may increase (never decrease below base year)

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