

Community Eligibility Provision

What is CEP?

Enables eligible schools to provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost

Four- year cycle once approved

Schools or groups of schools must have an ISP of 25% to be considered

What is ISP?

ISP=Identified Student Percentage

Identified students are categorically eligible for free meals and identified through direct certification

SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Foster, Homeless, Head Start

Benefits of CEP

Able to offer meal benefits to more students

Decrease financial stress for parents-bad debt

Not required to complete meal applications

Reduces stigma of “free lunch”

"CEP Eligibility Summary

SNAP/TANF

6354

MEDICAID

4791

OTHER

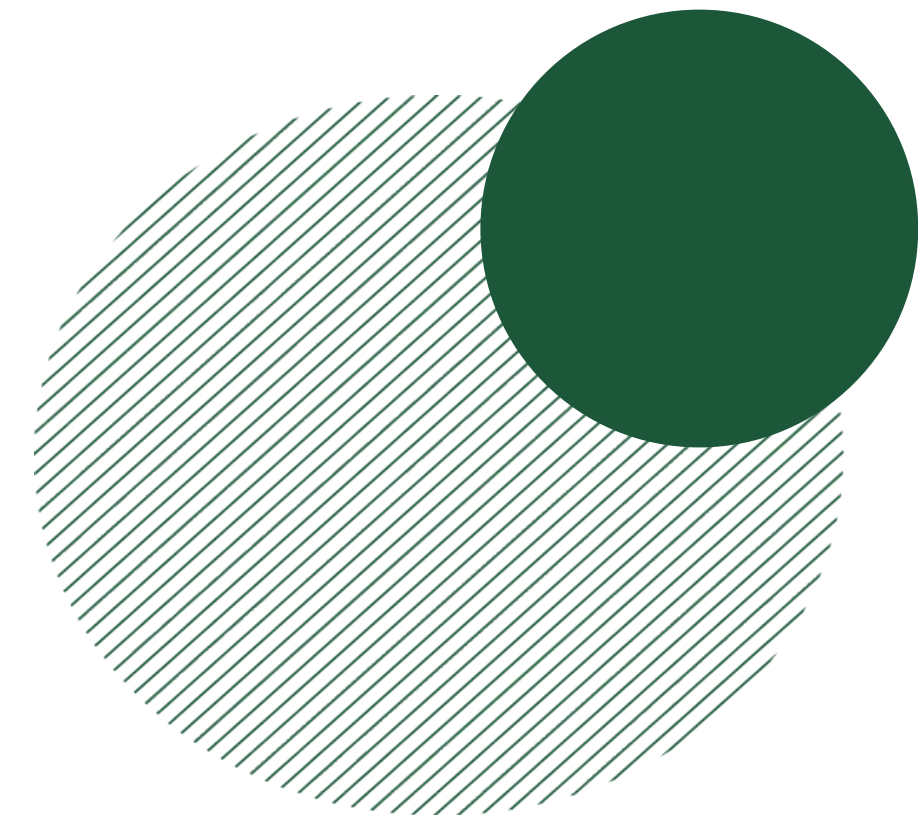
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TOTAL DIRECT CERT

11,380

Recommended Campuses

Site ID	Site Name	Directly Certified	Enrollment	ISP
0114	ANN WINDLE SYC	253	308	82.14%
0108	RIVERA ES	467	646	72.29%
0005	LESTER DAVIS	95	136	69.85%
0124	GONZALEZ SYC	180	301	59.80%
0111	BORMAN ES	263	475	55.37%
0110	GINNINGS ES	350	634	55.21%
0105	HODGE ES	343	652	52.61%
0104	ALEXANDER ES	299	588	50.85%
0112	EVERS PARK ES	355	702	50.57%
0123	STEPHENS ES	236	475	49.68%



What Is the Impact?

Unpaid Meal Balance

Potential to reduced district unpaid meal balance by approximately

\$40,000

Savings to Household

Annual savings for a household if the student purchases breakfast and lunch daily

\$774 per child

Title I Funding

Per established CEP and TEA Title I Guidelines, CEP does NOT impact Title 1 funding for the selected campuses

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

Determine Schools that will participate

collected ISP data in March

consider.....

- ISP by school
- ISP by groups of schools
- enrollment by school
- meal debt accrued each year

Submit Application

application reviewed by
Child Nutrition at Region 11 prior
to submittal to TDA for approval

Communication

notify campus administrators, families

have households at CEP sites complete
socio economic form

assist households with applications
for SNAP and Medicaid

Resources

TDA Administrative Reference Manual

https://squaremeals.org/Portals/8/files/ARM/ARM_Section5_SpecProvision_230519.pdf?ver=pMa7FvFNVS2lgXjAns6wIA%3d%3d

USDA Food and Nutrition Service

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision-101>

Food Research and Action Center

<https://frac.org/community-eligibility>

