

CEP Frequently Asked Questions

What is CEP?

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a USDA regulated, federally funded program where schools that meet a certain criteria can offer all students full breakfast and full lunch meals at no cost.

Who is eligible?

All students attending approved CEP schools.

What do I need to do to qualify?

Instead of the free and reduced meal application, parents must complete the Household Information Form and return it to the school.

Why is this form important?

This form helps the school district maintain Title 1 benefits from the federal government which are used for educational programs and services for students.

What if I have students at other schools, are they covered too?

No. Only CEP-designated schools are covered under the CEP benefit. Households will still have to complete the free and reduced meal application to cover students in other buildings. Continue to list your CEP student on the free and reduced meal application to establish the correct number of members in your household.

What menu options are covered under CEP?

Students can receive a full meal breakfast, which includes an entrée, fruit, juice and milk. Students can also receive a full meal lunch, which includes an entrée, fruit, vegetable and milk. Students must take a full meal which consists of three (3) items. To qualify, one of the three items needs to be a fruit or vegetable.

My student only wants to get one item, is it covered?

No. Items like milk and an entrée only do not qualify. They must get a full meal consisting of three items per the USDA guidelines. The student must pay for all a la carte items, such as milk or an extra entree.

For more information about CEP please visit www.utigak12.org/foodandnutrition