



Operations Center

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Community Eligibility Information for Parents

Cumberland County Schools (CCS) Child Nutrition Services is excited to announce The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is being offered in thirty-nine of our schools for the 2016-2017 school year. The provision enables each student enrolled in the participating schools to receive a breakfast and lunch at no charge on days when school is in session. Students enrolled at participating CEP schools are not required to submit a lunch application to receive meals at no charge.

Schools participating in CEP for the 2016-2017 school year are:

Elementary Schools

Alderman Road, Ashley, Loyd Auman, T.C. Berrien, Lillian Black, Brentwood, W.T. Brown, Elizabeth Cashwell, Cliffdale, College Lakes, J.W. Coon, Cumberland Mills, Cumberland Road, Ferguson-Easley, Glendale Acres, Bill Hefner, Manchester, Benjamin Martin, Mary McArthur, Montclair, Morganton Road, W.H. Owen, Ponderosa, J.W. Seabrook, Sherwood Park, Lucile Souders, Sunnyside, Walker-Spivey, Warrenwood, Westarea, and Margaret Willis

Middle Schools

Douglas Byrd Middle, Ireland Drive, Nick Jerald's, Pauline Jones, Lewis Chapel, South View Middle, Spring Lake, and Westover Middle

Applications

What does CEP mean for lunch applications?

Schools that are participating in CEP will not distribute lunch applications to their students for the 2016-2017 school year. However, traditional and year round schools that are not participating in CEP will continue to distribute lunch applications to students to be completed and returned to respective school cafeteria managers and then processed at the Child Nutrition main office to determine a student's meal status.

What if one sibling is attending a CEP school and the other is not?

The student that is not attending the CEP school will need to submit a lunch application to apply for benefits. All students attending CCS, including those attending a CEP school, need to be listed on the lunch application. Please refer to application example as to how to complete the lunch form. Please contact the Child Nutrition office at (910) 678-2595 for questions as to why one sibling may be receiving a meal at no charge and the other does not.

What if a student is attending a CEP school, but is transferring to a non CEP school?

Although the student received meals at no charge at the CEP school that does not mean the student will receive the same benefits if they transfer to a non-CEP school. If a student transfers from a CEP to a non-CEP school within the same county and the student is not otherwise eligible for meals at no charge (e.g., SNAP direct certification, homeless, migrant), an application must be submitted to the cafeteria manager or the CNS office, upon enrollment in the non-CEP school. Completed applications will be processed within 10 days after received by the CNS office.

At a CEP site, may a student be charged for an incomplete meal if the student refuses to select the components required for a complete meal?

Yes. This is the same policy at non-CEP schools. A student could select an incomplete meal. However, because the incomplete meals may not be claimed for Federal reimbursement, the student would be charged a la carte prices for the foods selected on their tray.

Can students at a CEP school purchase additional food items?

Yes. Students can purchase approved additional food items approved for a la carte sales.

If you have any questions, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at (910) 678-2502

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