

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP)

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) was enacted as a result of Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and provides schools the opportunity to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students in eligible schools.

Additional information about CEP is provided below:

- No school district, city or community funds will be needed to support this program. This is a federally funded program
- CEP allows schools to reduce administrative costs related to collecting and processing applications as well as tracking students based on meal eligibility status
- Once schools are identified as eligible, they will remain eligible for a 4 year period and may reapply before April 1st of the 4th year
- Families will no longer need to complete a meal benefit form! Every student enrolled at identified schools will be able to eat both breakfast and lunch free of charge regardless of individual eligibility.
- Students will still need to enter their pin numbers to receive their meal in order for our staff to be able to identify students with food allergies
- Students will still have the ability to enter money into their accounts which they will need in order to purchase any food items in addition to their reimbursable meal
- No more school meal debt or overt identification of student eligibility
- CEP will not affect the quality of the meal being served or the daily operation of the cafeteria. Students will find the same great, nutritious meals with no changes to meal quality.

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program will be operating in the following schools receiving meal service through Red Clay School Nutrition Services for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Forest Oak	Richardson Park	H.B. DuPont
Meadowood	& RPLC	Skyline
Joseph E. Johnson	Marbrook	Stanton
Lewis	Richey	Dickinson
Shortlidge	Mote	A.I. DuPont High
Baltz	Warner	McKean
Early Learning Center	A.I. DuPont Middle	

If you have any additional questions about CEP, please contact Jessica Terranova at Jessica.Terranova@redclay.k12.de.us

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