

The Community Eligibility Provision
(CEP)

Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended Section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

East Jasper School District is a participant in the national School Lunch and School Breakfast called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications.

Who benefits? Everyone!

- Students

Access to free nutritious meals for all students, no stigma, and less time spent in cashier lines and more time to eat nutritious meals

- Parents

No household application means less paperwork and no worries about lunch accounts

- School staff

Streamlined meal service operation and more time for students to consume their food

- Administrators

Reduced paperwork and administrative costs, no need to track unpaid meal charges, improved program integrity, and more nourished students ready to learn and grow.

If you have any questions, please contact us by calling the phone numbers listed below.

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