



FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

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- Available nationwide July 1, 2014
- LEAs or schools electing CEP must offer free lunches and breakfasts to all enrolled students for a cycle of 4 years
- Count total breakfasts and lunches served daily
- No collection of free and reduced price applications



CEP – eligibility criteria

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- LEA or school must have an identified student percentage of at least 40% as of April 1st of the school year prior to implementation



Definition: Identified Student

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- Students certified for free meals without an application
- Includes students directly certified through SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, and homeless on the liaison list, income-eligible Head Start, pre-K Even Start, migrant, runaways, non-applicants approved by local officials, and foster children certified through means other than an application.



Identified Student Percentage

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$$\text{Identified Student \%} = \frac{\text{\# of Identified Students}}{\text{Total \# of enrolled students with access to NSLP/SBP}} \times 100$$



Identified Student Percentage

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- Determined by individual schools
- A group of schools
- Entire LEA



CEP Claiming Percentages

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- Identified student percentage is multiplied by a factor of 1.6 to determine the % of meals reimbursed in the free category
- The remaining % of total meals is reimbursed at the paid rate
- Any remaining meal costs in excess of the total Federal reimbursement must be covered with non-federal sources



Updating the Claiming Percentage

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- A new identified student percentage may be established each year



New Cycle

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- To begin a new 4-year cycle, must establish a new identified student percentage as of April 1 of the 4th year of the previous cycle
- LEAs/schools in year 4 with an identified student percentage of less than 40% but more than 30% may elect for an additional year (a grace year)



One Question Test

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What is the identified student percentage that results in claiming all meals at the free rate?



Answer

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62.5%

(62.5 x 1.6 = 100%)



Breaking Even in Food Service

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- Financial Report
- Labor analysis
- Full paid student meals
- Ala carte meals
- Adult meals



Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School

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- All food and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day, other than those meals reimbursable under the NSLP and SBP

- Effective July 1, 2014



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