

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Background: Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act 2010



- Provides an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals
- Offers all students free meals in high poverty local education agencies (LEA) and schools



Implementation



 Phased in over a period of 3 years in limited number of States selected by USDA Food and Nutrition Service

 Available nationwide July 2014



Requirements for Participation



• Have a minimum of 40% identified students in the school year prior to implementing CEP

Identified Direct Certification Students X 100 ≥ 40% Total Enrolled Students

- Serve free lunches and breakfasts to all students
- Household applications for free and reduced price meals are not collected



Election of Provision



• All schools in LEA

- Group of schools
- Individual school



Process



 Identified student percentage (ISP) multiplied by a factor of 1.6 equals the percent of total meals served that will be reimbursed at the Federal free rate

 The remaining percent of total meals served is reimbursed at the Federal paid rate



Annual Percentage Selection: 2nd, 3rd & 4th year



- ISP from immediately preceding school year; or
- The year prior to the first year of participating in CEP (original ISP)



Benefits of CEP



• Serve free breakfast and lunch

- No meal benefits applications
- Reduced chance of overt identification and stigma
- No charging issues

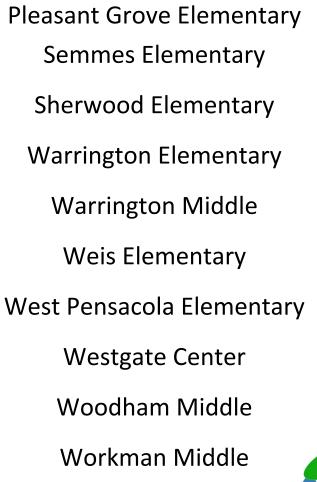




CEP Schools

Bellview Elementary Bellview Middle Brentwood Elementary Camelot **Ensley Elementary** Escambia Charter Ferry Pass Elementary **Global Learning Academy** Holm Elementary Jacqueline Harris Pyramid

Jim Allen Elementary Judy Andrews Lincoln Park Elementary Longleaf Elementary McMillan Pre-K Center Montclair Elementary Myrtle Grove Elementary Navy Point Elementary **Oakcrest Elementary** Pine Forest High





Notes for Schools



- Students will continue to use the point of sale with appropriate identifiers
- Designee in front office will continue to use New & Needy Form
- Discourage parents from putting money on student accounts (ex. a la carte)
- Students transferring in from CEP schools will need to complete application ASAP







Additional Information - http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision