

Community Eligibility Provision



Sarina Wilks - March 2, 2020

Community Eligibility Provision



Alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals



Four-year program with renewal option



Schools may opt in or opt out each year



May participate in some or all schools in district

Community Eligibility Provision

On April 1, determine the school(s) that have a minimum of 40 percent “identified” students

Agree to serve no cost lunches and no cost breakfasts to all students



Community Eligibility Provision

Agree to cover costs above amounts provided in federal meal reimbursements with non-federal funds

Do not collect free and reduced-price applications from households



Non-Federal Funds

Non-Federal
Funds Include:

- Profits from a la carte
- Profits from catering
- In-kind contributions



Community Eligibility Provision

Maintain a total count of
breakfasts and lunches

Residential Child Care Institutions
are not eligible



Community Eligibility Provision

Count the number of reimbursable meals served daily

Meals must be counted at the point of service



Determining School Eligibility

Determined by individual school or can group schools within the district

Count number of “identified” students and divide by enrollment



Determining School Eligibility

“Identified”
student categories
include:

- Directly Certified
- Homeless
- Runaway
- Migrant
- Head Start
- Foster children



Community Eligibility Provision



Maintain direct certification results list



Maintain list of enrolled students



Maintain documentation of extended direct certification benefits



Maintain documentation of homeless, migrant, runaway, foster and head start

Determining School Eligibility



Students in the same household with a direct certified student can be counted as identified

Not able to use information from free and reduced application to identify a student

Identified rate of at least 62.5 percent, all meals reimbursed at free rate

Identified rate is less than 62.5 percent, meals will be reimbursed at free and paid rates

Determining School Eligibility

“Identified”
student
percentage x 1.6
equals

Percent Free
Reimbursement



Determining School Eligibility



100 students enrolled as of April 1

50 of those students have been “identified”
Results in 50% identified percentage rate

$50\% \times 1.6 = 80\%$ free reimbursement and
20% paid reimbursement

10,000 meals served for the month. 8,000
(80%) will be free and 2,000 (20%) will be paid

Determining School Eligibility



Required to conduct direct certification

Identified student percentage is based on April 1 of previous year

After first year or program, may use next year identified percentage

Will use whichever is higher

Determining School Eligibility



School started CEP in 2016-2017

Complete direct certification multiple times in 2019-2020

Establish new base year in 2020-2021

Determining School Eligibility

Claiming percentages are guaranteed for four years

May increase claiming percentages if identified rate increases



Community Eligibility Provision



Non-Community Eligibility Schools will claim by category



Community Eligibility Schools will enter total number of meals served for the month




Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System will calculate claiming percentages



Maintain meal count documentation

Community Eligibility Provision

School Nutrition Programs


Applications | Claims | Compliance | Reports | Security | Search
Programs | Year | Help | Log Out

Claims > Claim Year at a Glance > SNP >
School Year: 2015 - 2016

VIEW

2015 - 2016 SNP Site Claim Report

043844 Status: Active
Dayton City SD
 DBA:
 4280 N. James H. McOsee Blvd
 Dayton, OH 45417-9536
 County: Montgomery
 FEIN: 21-6000784

00015038 Status: Active
ROSA PARKS EARLY LEARNING CENTER
 3700 Lori Sue Avenue
 Dayton, OH 45406-3552

Month/Year Claimed	Adjustment Number	Date Received	Date Accepted	Date Processed	Reason Code
Sep 2015	0	10/28/2015	10/28/2015	10/28/2015	Original

National School Lunch Program

L1. Student Eligibility and Enrollment

a. Number of Children Approved for Free Meals:	194	100.000000 %
b. Number of Children Approved for Reduced Price Meals:	0	0.000000 %
c. Number of Children receiving Paid Price Meals:	0	0.000000 %
d. Number of Enrolled Children:	194	

L2. Number Operating Days: 20

L3. Reimbursable Lunches Served CEP %

a. Free Lunches Served:	2,544	100.000000 %
b. Reduced Price Lunches Served:	0	0.000000 %
c. Paid Lunches Served:	0	0.000000 %
d. Total Lunches Served (a + b + c):	2,544	100.000000 %

L4. Lunches Non-reimbursable:
 (e.g. adults, senior citizens, child care, second lunches) 0

School Breakfast Program (Severe Need Reimbursement)

N1. Student Eligibility and Enrollment

a. Number of Children Approved for Free Meals:	194	100.000000 %
b. Number of Children Approved for Reduced Price Meals:	0	0.000000 %
c. Number of Children receiving Paid Price Meals:	0	0.000000 %
d. Number of Enrolled Children:	194	

N2. Number Operating Days: 20

N3. Reimbursable Breakfasts Served CEP %

a. Free Breakfasts Served:	2,296	100.000000 %
b. Reduced Price Breakfasts Served:	0	0.000000 %
c. Paid Breakfasts Served:	0	0.000000 %

Verification

Community Eligibility Provision schools will not complete verification, but will complete verification summary

Any schools not operating the Community Eligibility Provision will complete the verification process



Advantages



All students receive a no-cost breakfast and lunch

Eliminates overt identification

Improves nutrition

Potential for improved attendance rates and test scores

Advantages



Reduces paperwork at the school district level

Simplifies meal counting and claiming

Provides potential labor savings

Increases breakfast and lunch participation

Disadvantages



Potential financial issues when less than 100% free reimbursement



School must identify other procedures to determine economic status of individual students

Federal Programs

Possible impact on Title I

Resources on our website

- Federal Programs Guidance January 2014
- Title 1 and U. S. Department of Agriculture Community Eligibility Provision



Resources: education.ohio.gov

QUICK LINKS

- » [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\)](#)
- » [Commodity Allocation Tracking System \(CATS\)](#)
- » [Ohio United States Department of Agriculture Foods Program](#)
- » [National School Lunch and Breakfast](#)
- » [Resources and Tools for Food and Nutrition](#)

[Data for Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility](#)

[6 Cents Certification/New Meal Pattern Resources](#)

[Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010](#)

[Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Classroom Education Materials](#)

[Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#)

[Community Eligibility Provision](#)

[CRE Review Resources](#)

[CRRS \(Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System - Password Required\)](#)

Community Eligibility Provision

Community Eligibility is a provision that helps schools and districts in high poverty communities meet eligibility to serve no-cost lunches and breakfasts to all their students. Interested schools and districts must apply for Community Eligibility through the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Child Nutrition. Call 1-800-808-6325 to ask questions.

School food authorities interested in participating in the Community Eligibility Provision or CEP (formerly Community Eligibility Option or CEO) for one or more schools must complete the participation form and eligibility worksheet (below) and submit them to the Office for Child Nutrition by August 31, 2015. Forms may be faxed to 614-752-7613.

» [CEP Fact Sheet](#) 

» [CEP Participation Form](#) 

» [CEP Eligibility Worksheet](#) 

» [SP 16-2015 Community Eligibility Provision: Guidance and Updated Q&As](#) 

» [February 25, 2014 USDA and USDOE Community Eligibility Provision Letter](#) 

» [Community Eligibility Provision Implementation 2016 Recorded Webinar](#)

SP 24-2015: COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION: ANNUAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS

» [Community Eligibility Provision Annual Notification of Schools for School Year 2015-2016](#) 

» [Ohio Community Eligibility Provision Schools, School Year 2014-2015](#) 

» [Ohio Community Eligibility Provision Schools, School Year 2013-2014](#) 

LEAS that have elected to participate in CEP for at least one site must notify households of children attending the CEP school(s) of CEP participation in the 2014-2015 school year. LEAs may use this sample household letter to serve as the required notification.

» [Sample letter to households in schools/districts participating in CEP](#) 

How to apply for CEP



Answer yes to question 59 on sponsor application. Scroll down and save.

Attach CEP participation form and eligibility worksheet in the checklist in CRRS

Email **sarina.wilks@education.ohio.gov** to notify the SA of your intent to participate

Process above must be completed by June 30

Questions and Comments



education.ohio.gov

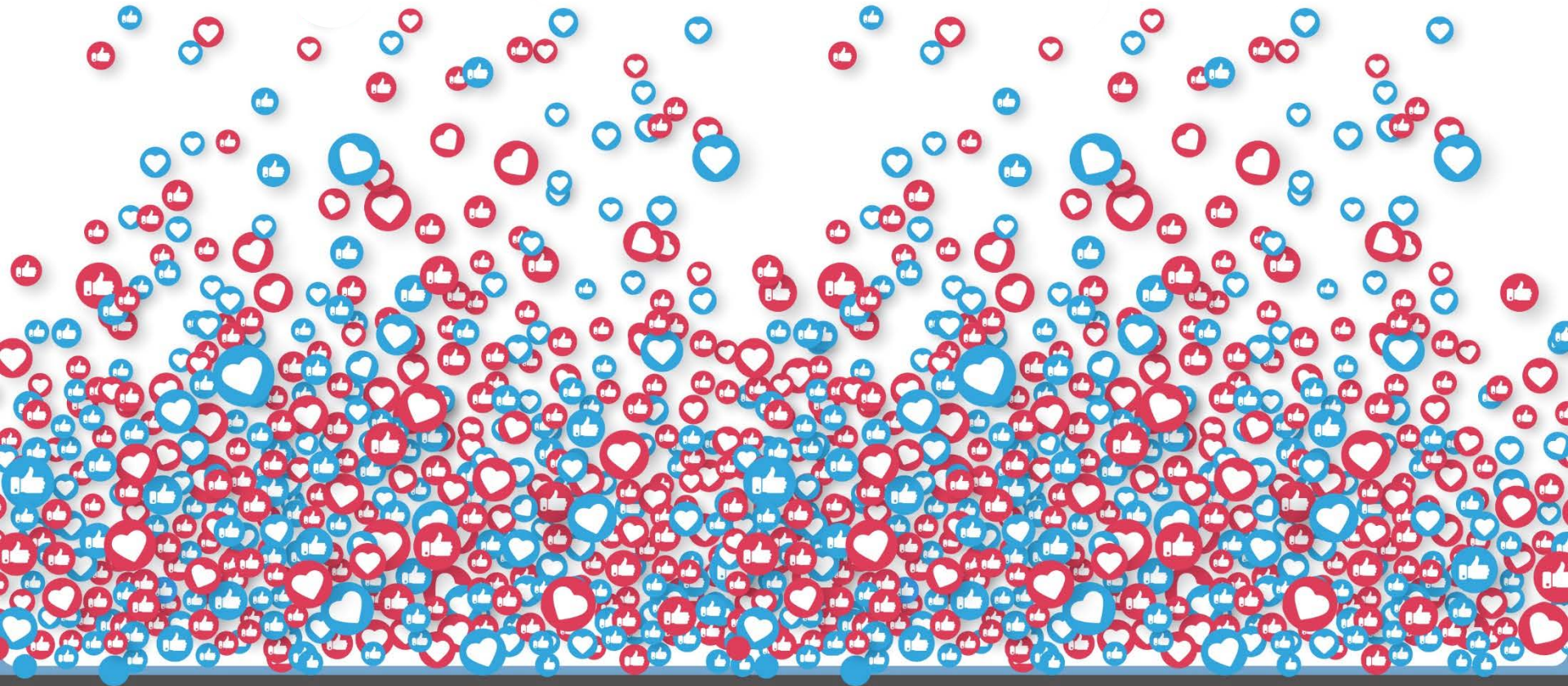
**Office for Integrated Student Supports
25 S. Front Street, Mail Stop 303
Columbus, OH 43215**

Phone: (800) 808-6325

sarina.wilks@education.ohio.gov



@OHEducation



Ohio

Department
of Education

**Share your learning
community with us!**

#MyOhioClassroom



Celebrate educators!

#OhioLovesTeachers