

Who Are “Identified Students”?

Children certified for free meals without submitting a school meal application

Includes children who are directly certified (through data matching or letter-method) for free meals because they live in households that participate in the

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Cash Assistance (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Applications with case-numbers are categorically eligible for free-meals, but they are not included in the “identified student” percentage



Requirements for Participation

- Have a minimum percentage ($\geq 40\%$) of identified students in the school year prior to implementing CEP
- Serve free lunches AND breakfasts to all students for 4 years
- Count total breakfasts and total lunches served to students daily
- CEP schools will not collect household applications for free and reduced price meals and will not conduct verification

Who is eligible to elect the CEP?

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- SFAs may elect CEP for all sites, individual schools, or a group of schools.
- To be eligible, the LEA, individual school, or group of schools must have an *identified student percentage* of at least 40%.
- Identified students are those certified for free meals either through direct certification (SNAP, or notification/letters from FDPIR, TANF, Migrant, Headstart, etc)