

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a provision that offers all students a free breakfast and free lunch meal and households are not required to complete a meal application. The qualified schools are based on the percentage of students that are certified as receiving state assistance or identified as homeless or foster.

Why is CEP not district-wide?

Schools with a lower percentage of students that are certified as receiving state assistance, homeless, or foster will not receive enough funds from USDA to cover all expenses. Those schools will be considered non-CEP schools and will be required to complete a meal application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

If I have students enrolled at a CEP school and a non-CEP school, do I need to fill out a meal application?

Yes, you will be required to fill out a new meal application for the new school year. You will still include all students that attend a school within the Hemet Unified School district and you will include all other household members and their income. You may complete a paper application or an online application located at <https://hemetusd.rocketscanapps.com/>.

When a student at a CEP school transfers to a non-CEP school, is the student “free” all year?

No. If a student transfers from a CEP school to a non-CEP school the new school must provide a meal application packet to the household. Nutrition Services, upon receipt of the meal application, will make the correct eligibility determination.

If a student brings lunch to a CEP school or non-CEP school, is milk provided at no cost?

No. A meal must consist of at least a ½ cup fruit or vegetable and 2 other items (Milk, Grain, Protein, Fruit or Vegetable). If a student wants only a milk, he or she will need to purchase that for 50 cents.

What if my student will receive free meals this school year and has money remaining in their meal account?

All students will receive meals at no cost at CEP schools. If they will be purchasing a la carte items, which include milk purchased without a meal, you may want to leave some money in their account. If you would like to have money refunded, please complete a refund form located at the Nutrition Services web page.