



Johnson County School Nutrition Program

Community Eligibility Provision

The Johnson County School Nutrition Program will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the Free Meal Reimbursement in School Year 2024. Through CEP, a school district, a group of schools, or a single school may offer meals at no charge to all students. This eliminates the procedure of distributing and processing meal applications.

“We are excited to announce that the entire school system, pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade, will be able to continue to participate in this wonderful program. We hope this will create financial savings for parents as meals are served to all students at no charge to families.” Mrs. Morgan Brantley, School Nutrition Director.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of CEP to ensure that every student in low-income neighborhoods and/or districts can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). To qualify, a district or school must have 40 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification. The School Nutrition Program reduces administrative and printing costs by participating in CEP and eliminating the need for meal applications. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications. CEP has been available to the entire country since School Year 2015.

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