



Troup County School System

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Troup County Schools, Community Eligibility Provision Program

LaGrange, GA., August 2, 2023 – Children need healthy meals to learn and through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program, some Troup County School System (TCSS) schools will be doing their part in halting food deficiencies in Troup County. Thanks to a partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, the following schools will be participating in a special provision to provide meals at no cost to students:

Free Breakfast: Callaway Elementary School; Hillcrest Elementary School; Hollis Hand Elementary School; Long Cane Elementary School; Rosemont Elementary School

Free Breakfast and Lunch: Berta Weathersbee Elementary School ; Callaway Middle School, Callaway High School, Clearview Elementary School; Ethel W. Kight Elementary School; Franklin Forest Elementary School; Gardner Newman Middle School, Hogansville Elementary School; Long Cane Middle School, West Point Elementary School

This is the ninth consecutive year of the program that will help to improve access to free school meals and to eliminate the household and administrative burden of completing and collecting household applications. Diane Pain, TCSS Nutrition Director said, “CEP makes it easier for parents to provide meals for their children. This program helps to greatly reduce the amount that parents spend on food each week. We are glad to continue this program since it helps more students to receive healthy and balanced meals.”

With this continued program,

- All students at the ten identified schools receive free breakfast and lunch.
- Families at the identified CEP schools do not have to complete school lunch forms.
- All elementary school students throughout the district will continue receiving free breakfast.
- TCSS will no longer require reduced-meal students and families to pay for meals at other elementary, middle and high schools not identified as CEP, essentially making breakfast and lunch free of charge for all students who qualify under reduced meal plans

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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