

Houston ISD Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – Successive Years

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Houston ISD announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the School Year 2025-2026. Schools qualifying to operate the CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge, and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

All HISD schools (except the 7 schools listed below) qualify to operate the CEP program for the School Year 2025-26.

Only students at the following schools need to apply for free or reduced-priced meals this school year.

- High School for Performing and Visual Arts
- Horn Elementary
- Travis Elementary
- Oak Forest Elementary
- River Oaks Elementary
- West University Elementary
- Roberts Elementary

If your student attends one of the 7 schools listed above, parents/guardians can complete the application at <https://schoolcafe.com/HoustonISD>. The evaluation process begins the week of August 4th and will identify each student as Free, Reduced-Price, or Paid for all meals/snacks consumed.

For additional information please contact:

Student Eligibility and Accountability
Nutrition Services
6801 Bennington Street
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