



## **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Notification**

August 26, 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to advise you that Valley Grove School District has implemented the National School Lunch and Breakfast Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) throughout the 2025/2026 school year. The program provides the district the opportunity to serve free meals to ALL enrolled students.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN?**

He or she is eligible for FREE BREAKFAST and FREE LUNCH at school during the 2025/2026 school year. Your child/children can participate in school breakfast and lunch without having to pay a fee or submit an application. No further action is required by you.

### **ALL MEALS MEET FEDERAL AND STATE GUIDELINES**

All meals will meet federal and state guidelines. Students must take 3 of the 4 items offered at breakfast, and 1 of those items must be a 1/2 cup fruit. At lunch, students must take 3 of the 5 items offered and 1 of those items must be a 1/2 cup fruit or vegetable.

### **“PACK AND CARRY” OPTION!**

Students that still want to pack a lunch may do so and also still participate in school lunch. We offer fresh fruits (apple, banana, orange, etc.), fresh veggies (baby carrots or tossed salad for example) and a choice of milk. for students to take as they go through the serving lines. These items, along with the packed items, will help complete their lunch at no additional cost to you.

### **CONVENIENTLY MANAGE STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

You can add money for your student(s) account to purchase extra meal items or snacks, identify when and what your child/children are eating, and receive low balance account notice by visiting your online payment service.

Sincerely,

Child Nutrition Department