



THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) OFFERS SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Benefits for Students & Families

- CEP promotes equity by ensuring all children have equal access to nutritious meals
- Eliminates out-of-pocket meal costs for families
- Reduces stigma around school meals
- Improved student attendance
- More students advancing beyond 10th grade
- Improved test scores
- Reduction in disciplinary referrals across all grade levels

Financial Opportunities

- Eliminates school meal debt
- No more alternative meals, no debt collecting and no negative press!
- CEP can generate revenue for school nutrition budgets
- CEP does **not** negatively impact district Title I allocations
- CEP significantly reduces administrative burden
- No need to collect annual meal applications

Benefits for the School Nutrition Program

- School meals become a universal benefit like desks and textbooks
- Make an impact in high need schools with option to transition a single school or group of schools
- Simplifies meal counting and claiming process
- Easier transition to Grab N' Go, Meals in the Classroom, Second Chance Breakfast programs and more!
- Improved school nutrition staff morale

Learn more about CEP at bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep