



Demo of No Kid Hungry's CEP Calculator

Zetta Reicker Former Director of
Nutrition at San Francisco Unified,
National No Kid Hungry Consultant

Emily Pia Program Manager (CEP) at
No Kid Hungry

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 | 12pm ET





What is the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

Enables eligible schools to provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost to them

- Reduced stigma for eating school meals
- Improved behavior and academic outcomes
- Reduced financial stress for parents
- Eliminate unpaid school meal debt!
- Simplified counting and claiming
- Improved school nutrition staff morale
- Facilitates meals in the classroom

Schools, or groups of schools, must have an “Identified Student Percentage” (ISP) of 40% to operate CEP

CEP is a 4-year cycle.



USDA extended free meals for all this school year...

So why should I apply for CEP?

- Applying for CEP now is a **no-risk opportunity to lock in your current ISPs, high reimbursement rates, and ability to serve free school meals to all through SY 24-25.**
- If your ISPs continue to increase next year, then you can lock in higher rates next year.
- If you don't apply for CEP this year, and your ISPs decrease next year, then it will have been a missed opportunity to lock in the current peak reimbursement rates.
- USDA extended the CEP application deadline to September 30.*
- If you have the capacity to run your numbers and apply by the end of September, we recommend doing so. If your capacity is limited, please reach out – **we are happy to help!**

**Some states may have earlier deadlines. Check with your state agency.*



NO KID HUNGRY CEP CALCULATOR

LIVE DEMO

<http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep-calculator>



Q & A

Please enter questions into the Q&A box.



Helpful CEP Resources

[No Kid Hungry's CEP Calculator](#)

[Promoting Educational Equity with CEP](#)

[Title I & CEP: Helpful Info for School Nutrition](#)

[Template Letter to School Administrators](#)

[Talking Points for District Leadership](#)

[CEP Financial Considerations for School Business Officials](#)

[Meals Count](#) online CEP grouping calculator

Slides will be shared afterwards for accessing these resources



THANK YOU