



M Meals Count

Maximize your CEP Funding with Meals Count

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Welcome!

Waiver Summary

Why CEP?

Intro to Meals Count

Demo of Meals Count

Q&A

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AGENDA



Waivers for School Year 2021-22

- Allow all schools to operate SSO
- Allow SFSP reimbursement rates for SSO
- Non-congregate meal service
- Meal service time flexibility
- Parent/guardian pick-up
- CEP deadlines extended to Sept. 30



Waivers for School Year 2021-22

- OVS in high schools
- Meal Pattern
 - Available for **SSO, NSLP, SBP, & CACFP**
 - *SFSP meal pattern waiver expires June 30, 2021*



Waivers for School Year 2021-22

- On-site monitoring for CACFP
- On-site monitoring for school meals programs
- Area eligibility in afterschool meals programs (NSLP Snack and CACFP At-Risk Afterschool)

[No Kid Hungry Waiver Summary](#)



What is the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

- Enables eligible schools to provide breakfast and lunch to **all** students at no cost to them
 - Students have equitable access to all meals – reduced stigma
 - School nutrition fund *can* benefit tremendously
 - Decreased administrative burden
- CEP is a 4-year cycle
- Schools, or groups of schools, must have an “Identified Student Percentage” (ISP) of 40% to operate CEP

Benefits of CEP

- Healthy school meals for all students!
- Improved student behavioral and academic outcomes
- Reduced stigma for participating in school meals
- Eliminate unpaid school meal debt
- Decreased financial stress for parents
- Improved school nutrition staff morale
- Simplified counting and claiming – only need to count the total number of meals served
- Facilitates Breakfast After the Bell (BAB)
- Reduced administrative burden



ISP

$$= \frac{\text{\# of "identified" students}}{\text{total student enrollment}} \times 100$$

Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

Identified students are categorically-eligible and **directly certified** for free school meals.

Students should be included in the ISP if they live in a household that participates in...

- **SNAP**: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- **TANF**: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- **FDP / FDPIR**: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- **Medicaid**: Medicaid Free only; Medicaid Reduced cannot be included in the ISP

Students should also be included in the ISP if they are...

- **in foster care,**
- **experiencing homelessness,**
- **in Head Start/Early Head Start,** and/or
- **Migrants**

...however, their eligibility does not extend to siblings or other household members.

CEP Reimbursement Pattern

Two categories of reimbursement: Free & Paid

Free reimbursement rate = ISP x 1.6

Paid reimbursement rate = 100% – (ISP x 1.6)

“Magic ISP” = 62.5% (62.5% x 1.6 =100% of meals reimbursed at the federal free rate)

ISP	x 1.6 Multiplier	% of Meals Reimbursed at "Free" rate	% of Meals Reimbursed at "Paid" Rate
40%	x1.6	64%	36%
45%	x1.6	72%	28%
50%	x1.6	80%	20%
55%	x1.6	88%	12%
60%	x1.6	96%	4%
65%	x1.6	100%	0%



Grouping

- The 40% threshold may be met by:
 - an individual school,
 - a group of schools within the district, or
 - all schools in the district.
- Groupings can maximize reimbursement and participation by students.
- Consider grouping high ISP, high enrollment schools with lower ISP, lower enrollment schools

[Meals Count Grouping Calculator](#)

Meals Count is Developed and Supported by



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San Diegans who believe data and technology can better serve citizens, sparking a more vibrant democracy and civic life. We treasure our communities and work together to bolster our public experience. We are a brigade of the national, non-partisan Code for America, leveraging their resources, but keenly focused on our improving local issues here at home.

for nearly 30 years, Nourish California has worked with an urgent focus on improving access to food for Californians who face the greatest needs and the starkest inequities. Our team leads statewide advocacy efforts to end hunger, disrupt poverty, and ensure that all Californians are well nourished. California should be a place where everyone has the food they need to thrive.

San Diego Hunger Coalition leads coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County supported by research, education, and advocacy.

No child should go hungry in a nation as wealthy as ours. But millions of kids are living with hunger right now because of the pandemic. No Kid Hungry is working to strengthen the public nutrition programs that connect kids with the healthy food they deserve.

Meals Count is driven by an [open source software](#) application that **automatically calculates optimal school groupings** for the purposes of CEP, eliminating the need for time-consuming, often-overwhelming manual calculations.



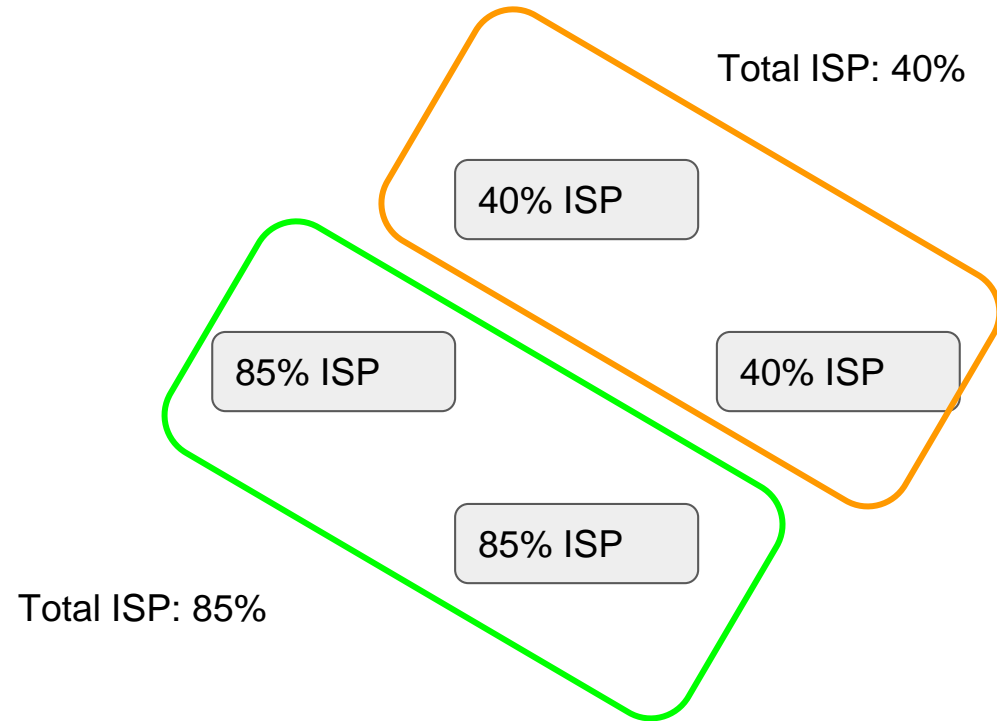
How Meals Count Works

- **Takes in data from school districts per school**
 - **Total Enrolled**
 - **Total Eligible**
 - **Average Daily Breakfast Served**
 - **Average Daily Lunch Served**
- **Uses computers to run many different grouping scenarios**
- **Recommends grouping with the highest potential reimbursement**
- **Allows adjusting which schools to run the algorithms on**



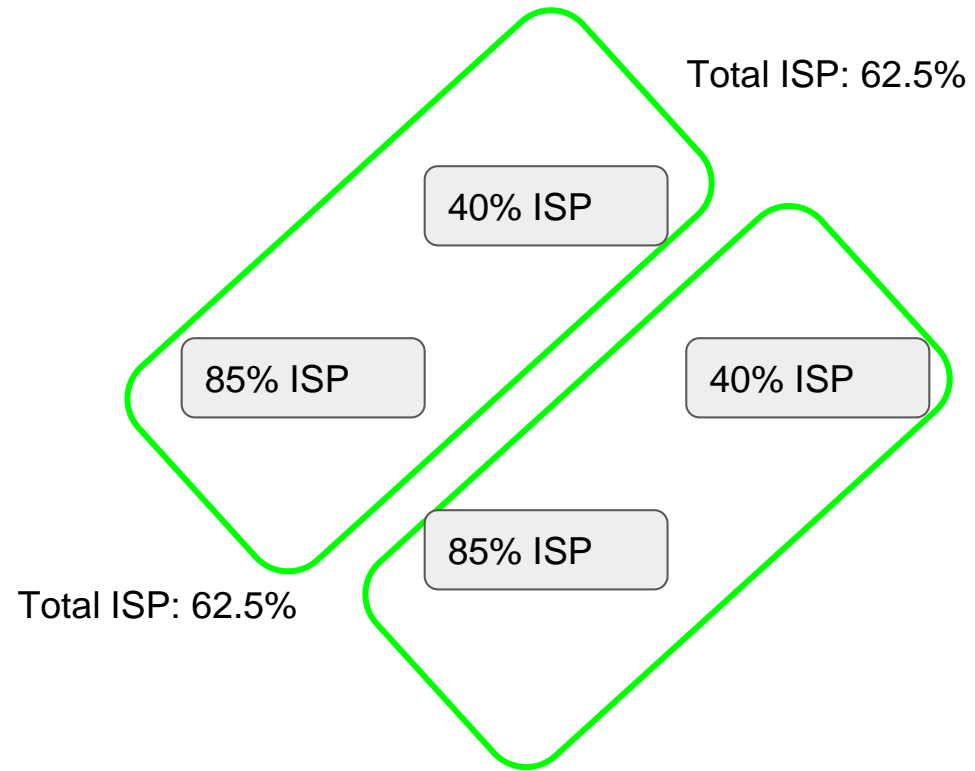
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Why Grouping Matters



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How Meals Count Works

A Realistic Example - Oceanside Unified

1	373206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	661	242	847	✓	31.3%	\$0
2	603868	Louise Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	\$197,638
2	603871	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓	31.8%	\$140,501
3	6038913	Santa Margarita Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	558	11	88	200	✓	2.0%	\$0
3	6109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	688	120	94	239	✓	17.4%	\$0
3	6112299	Shuf Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	514	4	77	203	✓	0.8%	\$0
3	6117713	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	631	194	98	387	✓	30.7%	\$0
4	0130367	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	1,330	213	280	482	✓	13.9%	\$0
4	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	786	41	130	332	✓	5.2%	\$0
5	0113322	Cesar Chavez Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	688	297	126	217	✓	43.2%	\$121,196
5	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	540						
5	6038863	Lincoln Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	839						
5	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540						
5	6067108	E. G. Carlton Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	322						
5	6100211	Christa McAuliffe Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	556						
6	3731221	Pacific View Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	618						
6	3739018	El Camino High	High Schools (Public)	2,950						
7	6038897	Palmquist Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	637						
8	6088991	Del Rio Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	351	166	163	294	✓	47.3%	\$160,015
9	6038855	Libby Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	429	218	48	317	✓	50.8%	\$143,091
9	6106566	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	\$166,714
10	6111777	Martin Luther King Jr Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	1,364	328	318	471	✓	23.7%	\$0
11	0000001	Nonpublic, Nonrestitution Schools	N/A	13	2	2	4	✓	16.4%	\$2,109
11	0113314	Louise Fouzatt Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	✓	33.7%	\$97,610
11	3739026	Ocean Stross High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	63	23	36	✓	51.6%	\$20,272
11	6038906	San Luis Rey Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	227	129	37	154	✓	50.2%	\$73,717

1	0113314	Louise Fouzatt Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	✓	33.7%	\$97,626
1	3739026	Ocean Stross High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	63	23	36	✓	51.6%	\$20,272
1	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	540	268	243	285	✓	49.6%	\$174,654
1	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540	284	97	493	✓	52.6%	\$224,928
1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	370	✓	31.8%	\$140,530
1	6106566	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	\$166,889
2	6038848	Louise Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	\$243,891
3	6038855	Libby Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	218	48		317	✓	50.8%	\$143,091
3	6038905	San Luis Rey Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)		37		154	✓	50.2%	\$73,717
					256			✓	40.4%	\$137,776
					387			✓	30.7%	\$184,435
					500			✓	24.6%	\$0
					482			✓	13.9%	\$0
					75			✓	3.0%	\$0
					254			✓	26.6%	\$0
					471			✓	23.7%	\$0
					299			✓	17.4%	\$0
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7	0113322	Cesar Chavez Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	688	297	126	217	✓	43.2%	\$119,430
7	3731221	Pacific View Charter	K-12 Schools	618	245	176	370	✓	39.6%	\$194,594
7	6038863	Lincoln Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	839	298	224	305	✓	35.5%	\$178,785
7	6088991	Del Rio Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	351	166	163	294	✓	47.3%	\$160,015
8	373206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	661	242	847	✓	31.3%	\$0
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+\$260,000 (13%)!

Optimized - 1 round
\$2,010,294

Optimized - 10 rounds
\$2,270,457

NOTE: Fed. Reimbursement Rates may not be exact to district



Virtual Tour

Meals Count

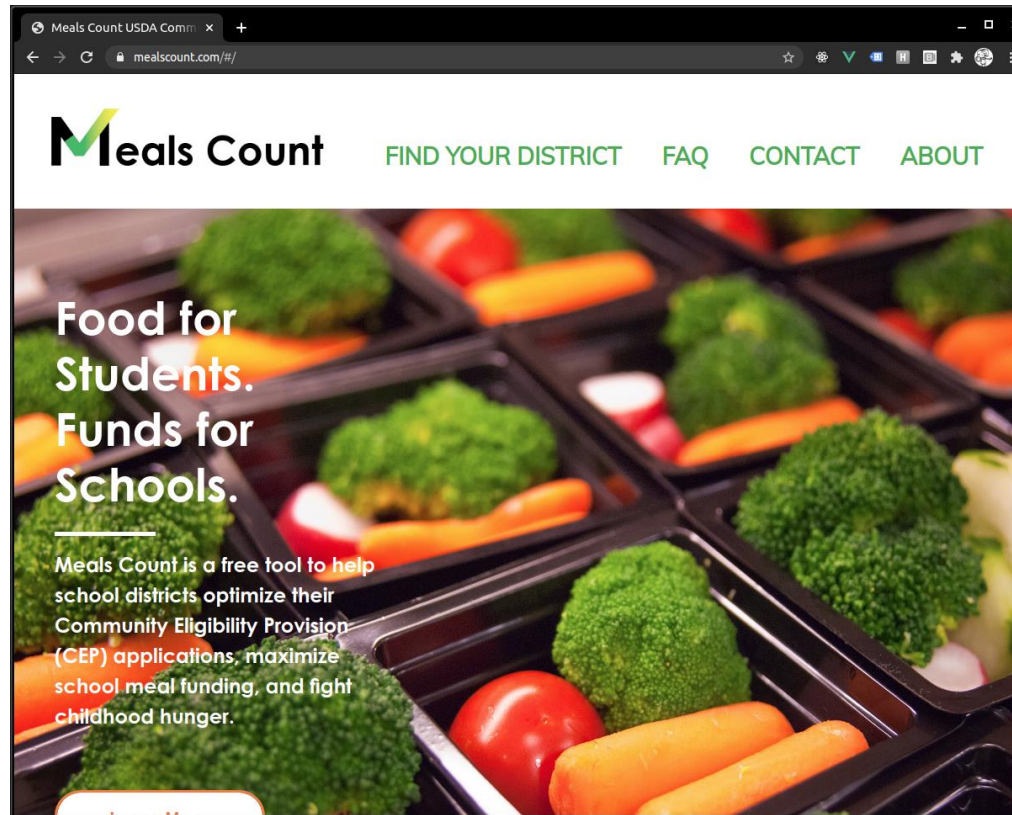
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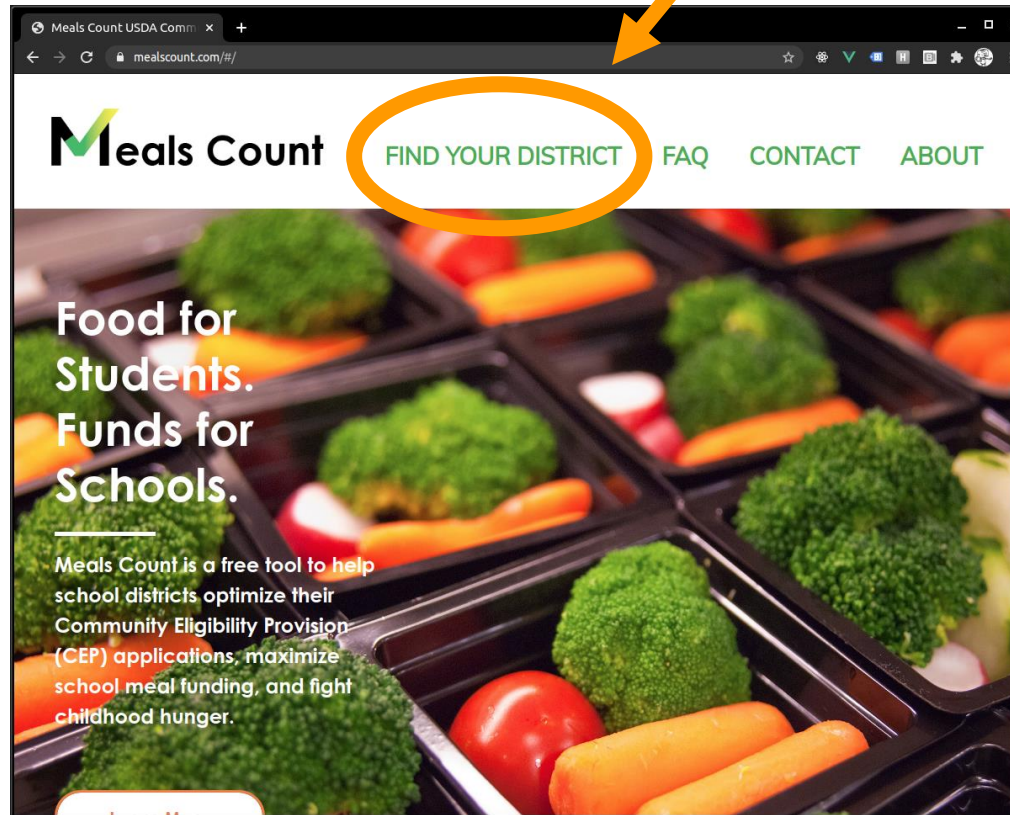
Using Meals Count

Navigate to <https://www.mealscount.com/>



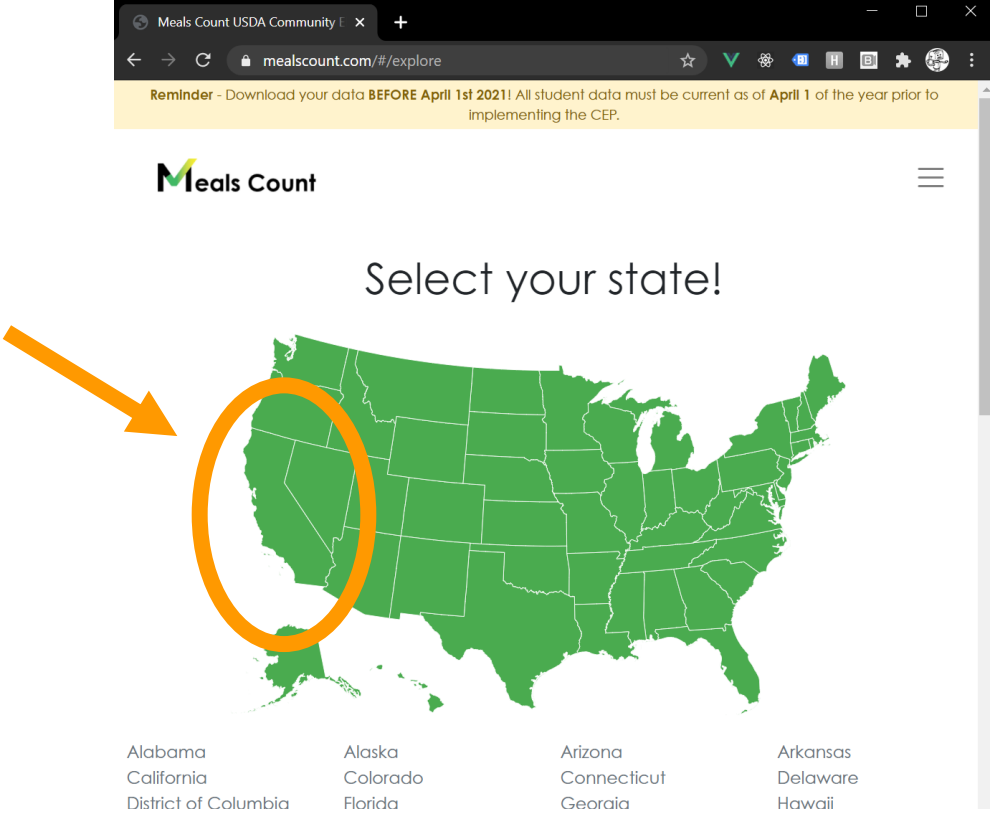
Using Meals Count

Click Find Your District



Using Meals Count

Click on California



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore. A yellow banner at the top contains the text: "Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP." Below the banner is the "Meals Count" logo and a hamburger menu icon. The main heading reads "Select your state!". A green map of the United States is displayed, with the state of California circled in orange. An orange arrow points from the left towards the circled California. Below the map is a list of state names: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, and Hawaii.



Using Meals Count

Start typing in your district to filter the list

The screenshot shows the Meals Count website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Meals Count logo and links for "Find Your District", "FAQ", "Contact", "About", and "Help". A yellow banner at the top of the page contains a reminder: "Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP." Below the navigation bar, a light blue note box contains the following text: "NOTE To ensure we have the best recommendations, we have removed the estimated reimbursement from this statewide listing. To see the estimated reimbursement, please click into a district and click 'Calculate Grouping'. ALSO NOTE that to see accurate estimates you MUST import the latest data for your district!". An orange arrow points from the "Calculate Grouping" link in the note to a "Filter Districts" input field, which is circled in orange. Below the note, the page is titled "California" and includes a paragraph: "In California, Meals Count is supported by Nourish California (formerly CFPA), and San Diego Hungry for Change Coalition. Technical support is provided by Open San Diego." Another paragraph states: "Data listed is pulled from the 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database. All data listed is sample data. Districts should refine the data with their current numbers to get accurate grouping suggestions." A green button labeled "FAQs and Contact Information for California" is positioned above a table. The table has the following columns: "District Code", "District Name", "Schools", "Total Enrolled", and "Overall ISP".

District Code	District Name	Schools	Total Enrolled	Overall ISP
01702	Los Angeles Unified School District	788	501,693	44.8%
02462	San Diego Unified School District	208	120,510	34.0%
01228	FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	108	75,168	60.9%
01695	Long Beach Unified School District	87	73,519	45.2%



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Click on your district in the list

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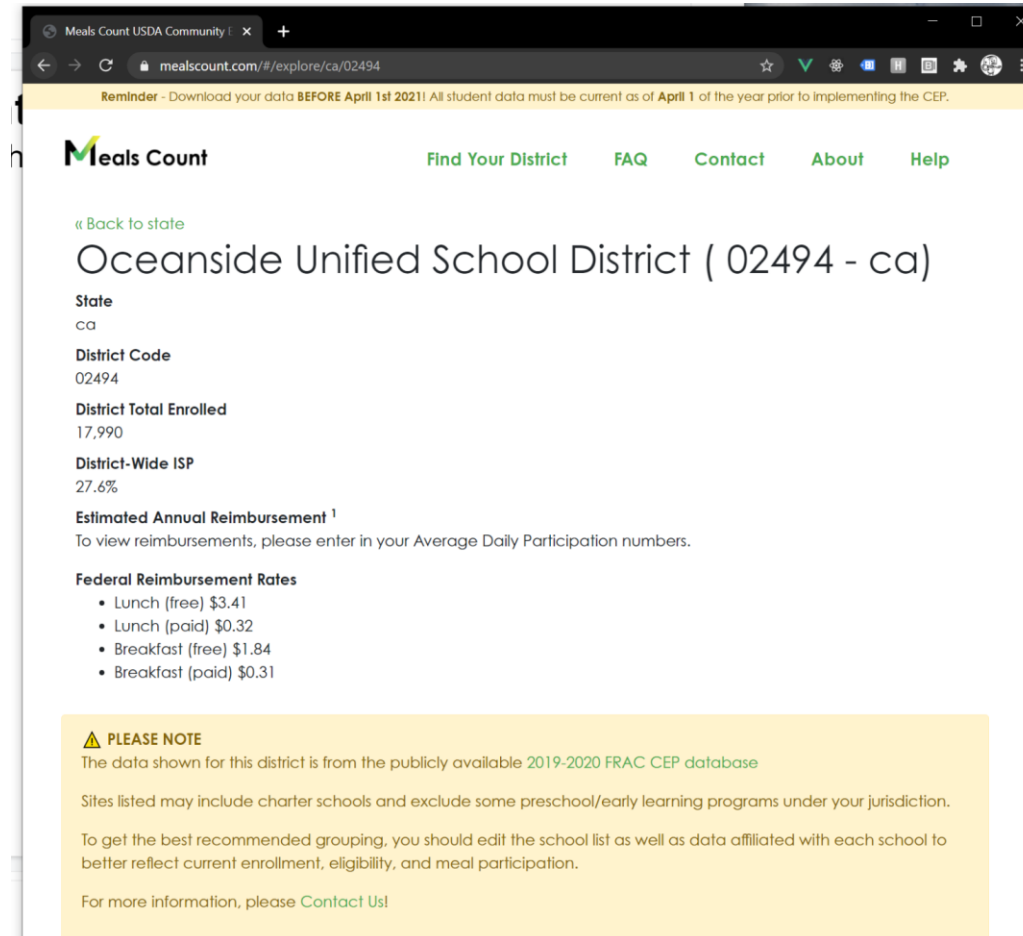
District Code	District Name	Schools	Total Enrolled	Overall ISP
02494	Oceanside Unified School District	25	17,990	27.6%

***Note:** if your district is not showing up, try clearing the filter and looking with CTRL-F (CMD-F on Mac). If not, please look for the district code (from CALPADS) or contact us.



Using Meals Count

Review your district and school information



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494. A yellow banner at the top reads: "Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP." The website header includes the "Meals Count" logo and navigation links: "Find Your District", "FAQ", "Contact", "About", and "Help". The main content area displays the following information for Oceanside Unified School District (02494 - ca):

- « Back to state
- Oceanside Unified School District (02494 - ca)
- State: ca
- District Code: 02494
- District Total Enrolled: 17,990
- District-Wide ISP: 27.6%
- Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹: To view reimbursements, please enter in your Average Daily Participation numbers.
- Federal Reimbursement Rates:
 - Lunch (free) \$3.41
 - Lunch (paid) \$0.32
 - Breakfast (free) \$1.84
 - Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

A yellow box with a warning icon contains the following text:

PLEASE NOTE
The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database.
Sites listed may include charter schools and exclude some preschool/early learning programs under your jurisdiction.
To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.
For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)



Using Meals Count

Scroll down to see the schools

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mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494

better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.
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Recommended Grouping ⓘ	School Code	School Name	School Type ⓘ	Total Enrolled ⓘ	Total Eligible ² ⓘ	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ⓘ	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ⓘ	Included in Optimization ⓘ
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296			✓
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	n/a	545	97			✓
0	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0			✓
0	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140			✓
0	8514	DITMAR ELEMENTARY	n/a	3	0			✓
0	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111			✓
0	37735693739018	El Camino High	n/a	2,958	700			✓
0	37735696108895	...	n/a			✓



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Understanding the Columns

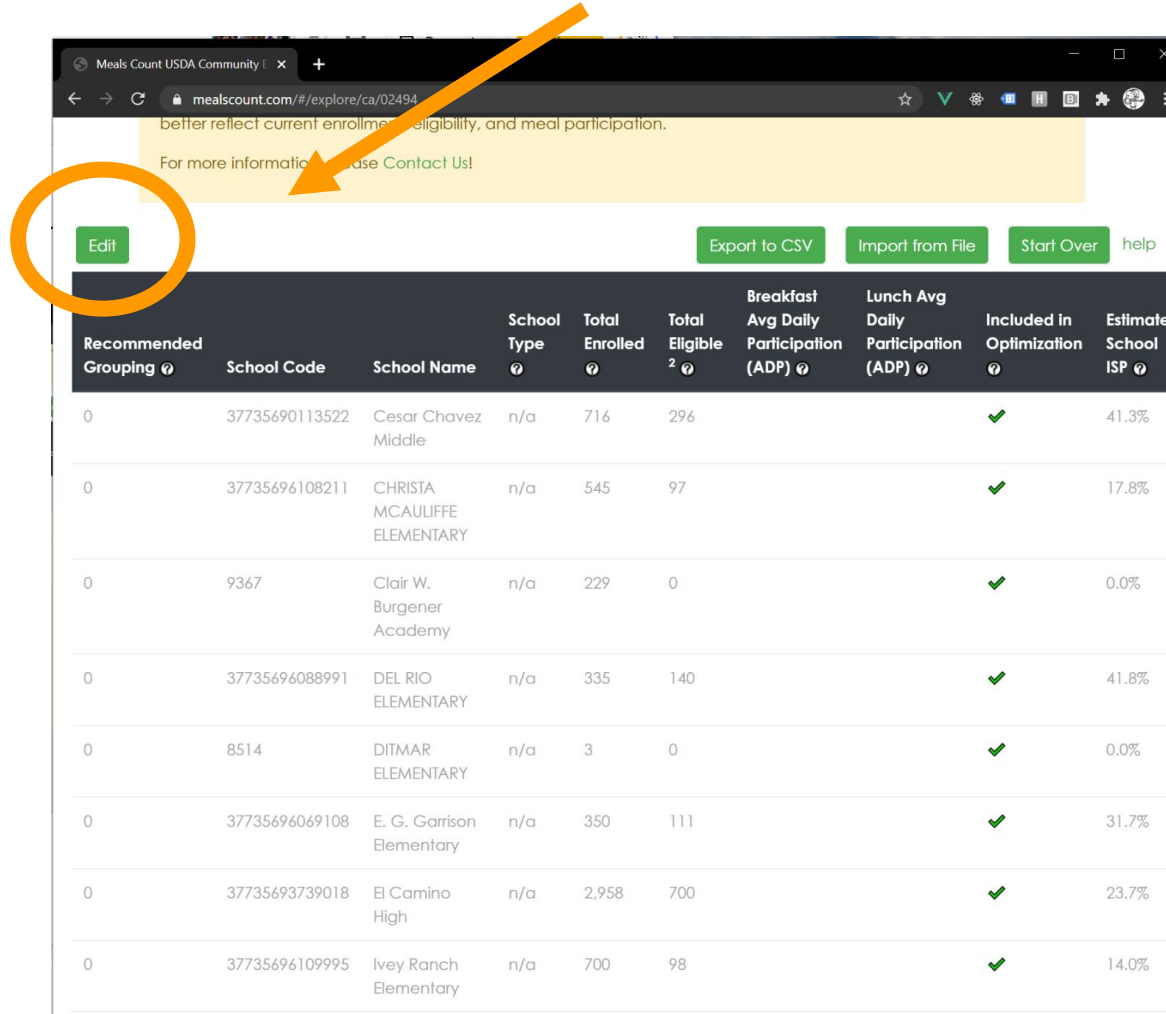
Recommended Grouping ?	School Code	School Name	School Type ?	Total Enrolled ?	Total Eligible ² ?	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ?	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ?	Severe Need	Included in Optimization ?	Estimated School ISP ?	School CEP Eligible ?	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
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- **Recommended Grouping:** The numerical grouping of the schools in the current recommendation. E.g. All Schools marked “1” should be in Group 1, all schools marked “2” should be in Group 2
- **School Code:** The code or id of the school (**must be unique for each school**)
- **School Name:** The name of the school (for reference)
- **Total Enrolled:** The total number of students enrolled in this school
- **Total Eligible:** The total number of Identified Students in this school
- **Breakfast Avg Daily Participation:** The average **DAILY** number of breakfasts served
- **Lunch Avg Daily Participation:** The average **DAILY** number of lunches served
- **Severe Need:** Whether or not this school qualifies as Severe Need
- **Included in Optimization:** Whether or not to include this school in the optimization (e.g. exclude charter schools)
- **Estimated School ISP:** ISP as percentage calculated live from Total Eligible/ Total Enrolled
- **School CEP Eligible:** Whether or not the School meets the 40% threshold
- **Estimated Annual Reimbursement:** The estimated reimbursement based upon the Rates specified and a 180 day school year for this school



Using Meals Count

Click **EDIT** to modify the school listing



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better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.
For more information, please Contact Us!

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible ²	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimate School ISP
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296			✓	41.3%
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	n/a	545	97			✓	17.8%
0	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0			✓	0.0%
0	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140			✓	41.8%
0	8514	DITMAR ELEMENTARY	n/a	3	0			✓	0.0%
0	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111			✓	31.7%
0	37735693739018	El Camino High	n/a	2,958	700			✓	23.7%
0	37735696109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	n/a	700	98			✓	14.0%



Using Meals Count

Edit and update school information

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Severe Need	Include in Optimization
remove	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

You can edit 6 fields per each school:

1. Total Enrolled
2. Total Eligible
3. Breakfast Average Daily Participation **(required!)**
4. Lunch Average Daily Participation **(required!)**
5. Severe Need
6. Included in Optimization

Toggle “Included in Optimization” if the school is not part of your district’s program



Using Meals Count

Scroll up to Update SFA Certification and NSLA 60%D

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mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494

Updated - CEP Deadlines Have Been Extended, make sure you download your data by June 30th! [Learn More!](#)

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Oceans (02494 - ca)

State
ca

District Code
02494

District Total Enrolled
17,990

District-Wide ISP
27.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹
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Determining Rates

SFA Certified
Is your menu certified for the additional 7 cents?

NSLA 60%+ Rate
Were at least 60% of lunches served to students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals in the second preceding school year?

NOTE: these options, in addition to the Severe Need per site will determine your rate as specified in:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/CEPEstimatorTool.xlsx>



Using Meals Count

Remove or uncheck “Included” for any unapplicable schools

Recommended	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	Sch CEP Elig
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.3%	✓
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<input type="button" value="remove"/>	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	

Some schools (e.g. Charter Schools, or sometimes school offices) are included from our source data set but may not be part of your district’s meal program.

You can either “disable” this from the grouping calculation, or remove it entirely by toggling “Included in Optimization” to disable, or “remove” to remove.

Using Meals Count

Scroll to bottom to add any additional schools not included

<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696038913	SANTA MARGARITA ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="568"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696038921	SOUTH OCEANSIDE ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="649"/>	<input type="text" value="198"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696115299	STUART MESA ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="628"/>	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Add School:	<input type="text" value="School Code (required)"/>	<input type="text" value="School Name"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="25"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

You must specify 8 fields to add a school

1. School Code (numerical code, can just be placeholder if you don't have one, **must be unique to district**)
2. School Name (name of school, **must be unique to district**)
3. Total Enrolled
4. Total Eligible
5. Breakfast Average Daily Participation
6. Lunch Average Daily Participation
7. Severe Need
8. Included in Optimization (keep checked to include in grouping calculation)



Using Meals Count

Click Submit to run the Grouping Calculation

To get the best recommended grouping, the school listing and ISP numbers must be modified to match the reality of your school. For more information or questions, please [Contact Us!](#)

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible ²	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP
remove	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary	Elementary Schools	563	190	103	177	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
remove	01026	Ocean (Continental)					36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
remove	6038830	Jefferson					285	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
- Lunch (paid) \$0.32
- Breakfast (free) \$1.84
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

PLEASE NOTE
The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database. Sites listed may include charter schools and programs under your jurisdiction. To get the best recommended grouping, the school listing and ISP numbers must be modified to match the reality of your school. For more information or questions, please [Contact Us!](#)

Please Wait
Grouping optimizations are currently being run. The results will update shortly.

NOTE We have updated our optimization to run a longer optimization for larger districts directly on the website. This will return better results, but can take up to a few minutes. Please be patient and remain on this page.

Elapsed Time: 00:03

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible ²	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per Student
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	Middle					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.3%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	Elementary					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.8%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	9367	Clark W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0	34	126	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140	50	184	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.8%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Note: Grouping can take up to 3 minutes, please be patient



Using Meals Count

Once Complete, a notice of the time updated will show

The screenshot shows the Meals Count USDA Comm interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569`. Below the navigation bar, there is a header section with a "PLEASE NOTE" warning box. The warning box contains the following text:

PLEASE NOTE
The data shown for this district is from the 2019-2020 CALPADS CUPC source file, as well as April 2019 meals average meals data and is **not up to date**. ISP numbers are for **Direct Certification Only**. Your district's numbers may be significantly higher. Some charter schools may be included, and some preschool schools may be missing, based upon the school data we received from CALPADS.
To get the best recommended grouping, the school listing and ISP numbers must be modified to match the reality of your school. For more information or questions, please [Contact Us!](#)

Below the warning box, there is a status bar showing "Optimized on 2020-07-05 21:19:059474 in 12.28s" and buttons for "Edit", "Export to CSV", "Import from CSV", "Reload Original", and "help".

The main content is a table with the following columns:

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1	0113514	Louise Fousat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	✓	33.7%	✓	\$97,326
1	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	65	23	36	✓	51.6%	✓	\$20,272
1	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	540	268	243	285	✓	49.6%	✓	\$174,654
1	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540	284	97	493	✓	52.6%	✓	\$226,928
1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓	31.8%	✓	\$140,530
1	6106546	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	✓	\$166,889
2	6038948	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	✓	\$245,891

Annotations in the image include an orange circle around the "Optimized on 2020-07-05 21:19:059474 in 12.28s" text, an orange circle around the "Recommended Grouping" column, and an orange arrow pointing from the "PLEASE NOTE" box to the "Edit" button.

Groups numbers are updated and color coded



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Overall Reimbursement / ISP

Meals Count

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Oceanside Unified (73569 - ca)

State
ca

District Code
73569

District Total Enrolled
19,371

District-wide
28.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹
\$2,270,457

By Group

Federal Reimbursement

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
- Lunch (paid) \$0.32
- Breakfast (free) \$1.84
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

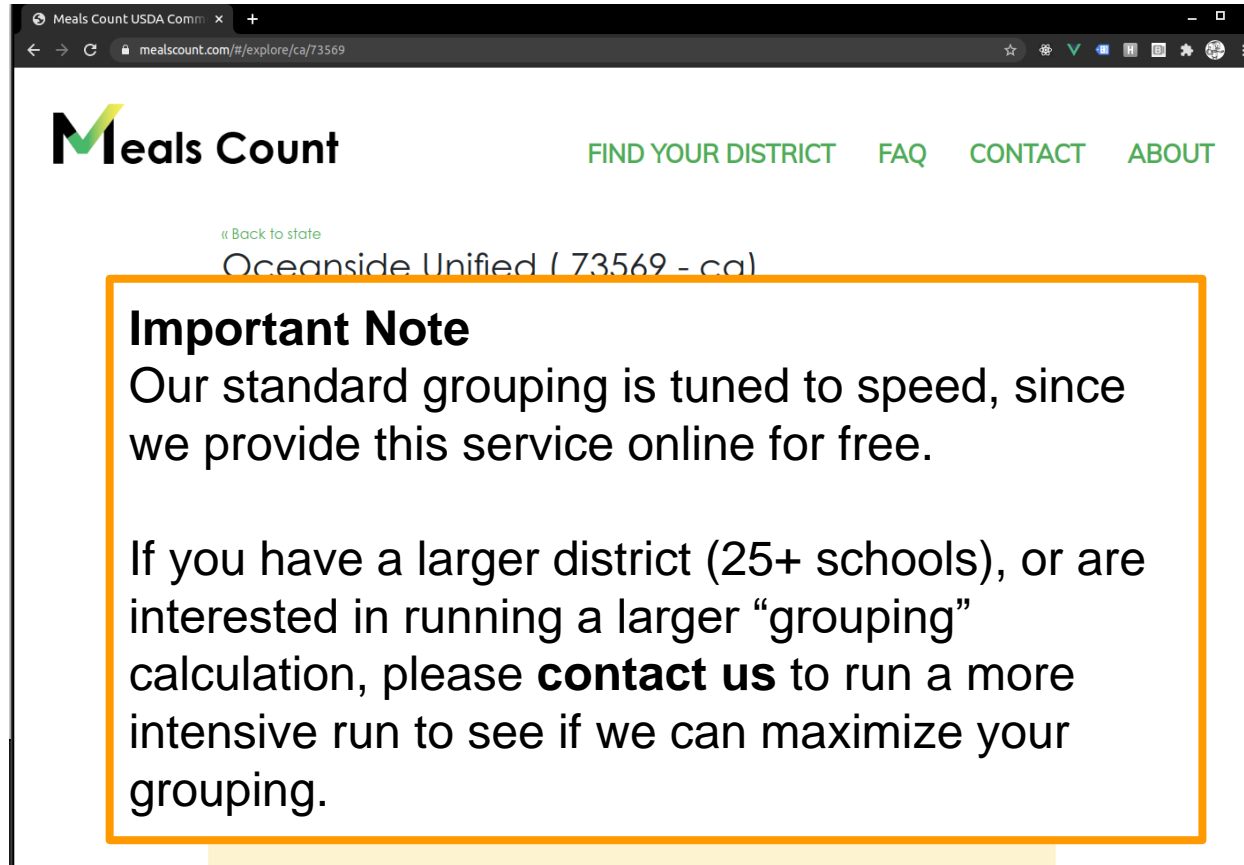
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For the curious, the Meals Count “strategy” used to get this reimbursement is also listed



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Note on Optimization



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569. The page features the Meals Count logo and navigation links: FIND YOUR DISTRICT, FAQ, CONTACT, and ABOUT. Below the navigation, there is a link to « Back to state and the district name Oceanside Unified (73569 - ca). A prominent orange-bordered box contains the following text:

Important Note
Our standard grouping is tuned to speed, since we provide this service online for free.

If you have a larger district (25+ schools), or are interested in running a larger “grouping” calculation, please **contact us** to run a more intensive run to see if we can maximize your grouping.

Contact us by going to mealscount.com and clicking “Contact” in the top right!



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Toggle Group to see Group Totals

\$2,270,457
(Optimized for NYCMC fresh_starts=10 strategy)

By Group

Group Number	Schools	Group ISP	Est. Reimbursement
Group 1	6 Schools	40.1%	\$826,598
Group 2	1 School	51.7%	\$245,891
Group 3	4 Schools	40.9%	\$543,019
Group 4	1 School	24.6%	\$0
Group 5	5 Schools	18.3%	\$0
Group 6	1 School	17.4%	\$0
Group 7	5 Schools	40.2%	\$654,950
Group 8	3 Schools	20.9%	\$0

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
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- Breakfast (free) \$1.84
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31



Editing / Exploring

Adjusting your groupings

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494`. At the top, there are "Federal Reimbursement Rates" listed: Lunch (free) \$3.41, Lunch (paid) \$0.32, Breakfast (free) \$1.84, and Breakfast (paid) \$0.31. Below this is a yellow "PLEASE NOTE" box stating that the data is from the 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database and that users should edit the school list for better accuracy. The main interface includes buttons for "Edit", "Export to CSV", "Import from File", and "Start Over". A table displays school data with columns for Recommended Grouping, School Code, School Name, School Type, Total Enrolled, Total Eligible, Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Included in Optimization, Estimated School ISP, School CEP Eligible, and Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School. The "Recommended Grouping" column for the first row (Cesar Chavez Middle) is highlighted with an orange circle and a dropdown arrow.

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1*	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	107	394	✓	41.3%	✓	\$188,000
1*	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140	50	184	✓	41.8%	✓	\$88,000
1*	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111	53	193	✓	31.7%	✓	\$92,000
1*	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle	n/a	580	287	87	319	✓	49.5%	✓	\$152,000
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓	51.9%	✓	\$117,000

You can edit the grouping assignment and Meals Count will recalculate the reimbursement.



Comparing Groupings

Review the grouping history

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/02494`. The page displays information about a district and a table of school groupings. A modal window titled "District Edit History" is open, showing the "District Grouping History" for District "02494". The modal contains a list of revisions with "Load" buttons. The "History" button on the main page and the "Load" button in the modal are circled in orange. An arrow points from the "History" button to the modal, and another arrow points from the "Load" button in the modal to the table below.

District Edit History

District Grouping History

These are the groupings you have run for District "02494" this session. Click on one to go back to it. **Your current revision will still be available until you close this browser.**

To save a revision, please use *Export to CSV*

- Revision #1 \$1,843,729 **Load**
- Revision #2 \$1,752,727 (current) **Load**

Cancel

Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included
1*	37735690113522	07	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848 LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445 231 67 245	✓

Look at the history of your optimized and adjusted groupings, and click to go back to one

Using Meals Count

Save your work to CSV

The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database

Sites listed may include charter schools and exclude some preschool/early learning programs under your jurisdiction.

To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.

For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)

[Edit](#) [History](#) [Manually adjusted](#) [edited rev #2](#) **[Export to CSV](#)** [Import from File](#) [Start Over](#) [help](#)

Recommended Grouping [?]	School Code	School Name	School Type [?]	Total Enrolled [?]	Total Eligible ² [?]	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) [?]	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) [?]	Inclusion Option [?]
1* ^v	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	107	394	✓
1* ^v	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111	53	193	✓
1* ^v	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle	n/a	580	287	87	319	✓
1* ^v	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓
1* ^v	37735696038855	Liberty	n/a	500	200	75	275	✓



Using Meals Count

Click “Download” to download a copy

The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database

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For more information, please Contact Us

Export to CSV

Download Oceanside Unified School District as CSV

This file can be used to reimport again and to "save" your grouping. Please note that reimbursement rates are listed for the first school, but will be applied across the entire district based on the first school's rates.

Filename: mealscount-district-02494.csv

Download

Close me!

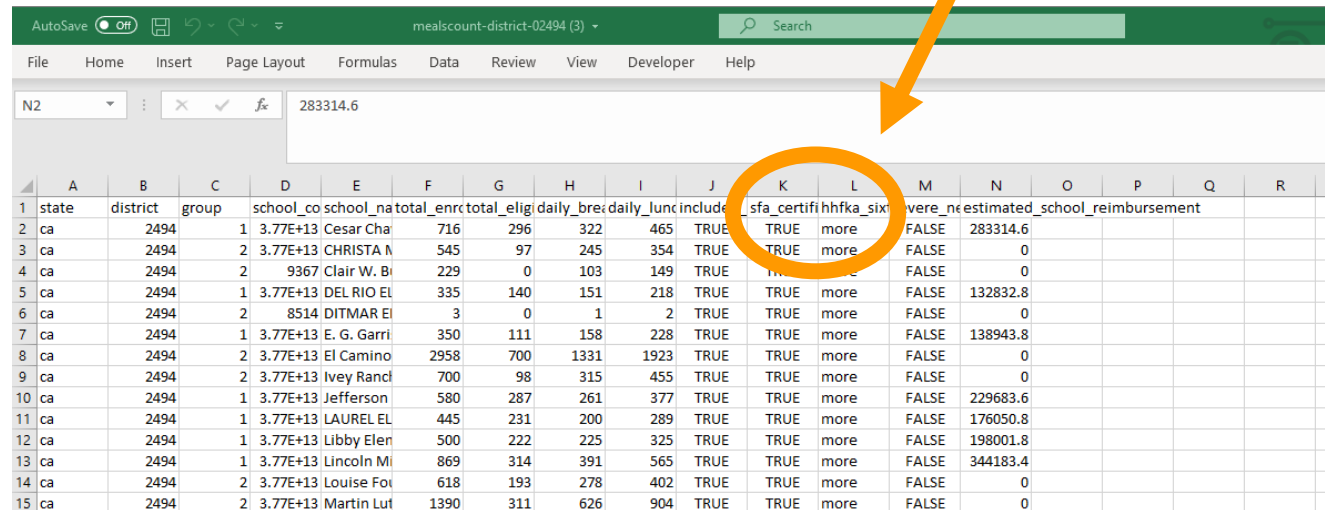
Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Inclusion Optin
1*	37735690113522	107	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a 445 231 67	245 ✓



Using Meals Count

Review / Share the resulting file

NOTE: CSV or Comma Separated Value files are compatible, but not the same as XLS or XLSX files. If you modify and save these files as XLS or XLSX, you will need to “Save As” a CSV to be able to re-import to Meals Count



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	
1	state	district	group	school_co	school_na	total_enrc	total_elig	daily_brc	daily_lunc	include	sfa_certifi	hhfka_sixty	avere_ne	estimated	school_reimbursement				
2	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Cesar Cha	716	296	322	465	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	283314.6					
3	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	CHRISTA N	545	97	245	354	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
4	ca	2494	2	9367	Clair W. Bi	229	0	103	149	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
5	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	DEL RIO EL	335	140	151	218	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	132832.8					
6	ca	2494	2	8514	DITMAR EL	3	0	1	2	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
7	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	E. G. Garri	350	111	158	228	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	138943.8					
8	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	El Camino	2958	700	1331	1923	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
9	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Ivey Ranc	700	98	315	455	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
10	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Jefferson	580	287	261	377	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	229683.6					
11	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	LAUREL EL	445	231	200	289	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	176050.8					
12	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Libby Elen	500	222	225	325	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	198001.8					
13	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Lincoln Mi	869	314	391	565	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	344183.4					
14	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Louise Fox	618	193	278	402	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					
15	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Martin Lut	1390	311	626	904	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0					

NOTE: The sfa certification and 60% (hhfka_sixty) fields are on every school row but are district wide values that are just taken from the first school on import.

Using Meals Count

Click Import from File to import XLSX or CSV Data

The screenshot shows the 'Import from File' dialog box with the following text:

Import from File

Drag File over to import

Accepted formats: .CSV, .XLS, .XLSX. For XLS/XLSX Workbooks, only the first Sheet will be used.

Required Columns: "school_name"
"total_enrolled" "total_eligible"
"daily_breakfast_served" "daily_lunch_served"

Import

Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included
1*	37735690113522	107	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a 445 201 67	245 ✓

Drag and Drop your CSV or XLS file onto the gray box, then click Import



Using Meals Count

Click Import from File to import XLSX or CSV Data

The screenshot shows the 'Import from File' dialog box in the Meals Count web application. The dialog box is open, displaying a file named 'mealscount-district-02494.csv (2 kb)' and a list of required columns: 'school_name', 'total_enrolled', 'total_eligible', 'daily_breakfast_served', and 'daily_lunch_served'. The 'Import' button is visible at the bottom right of the dialog box. The background shows a table of school data with columns for 'Recommended Grouping', 'School Code', 'Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', and 'Include Optin'.

Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Include Optin
1*	37735690113522	107	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848 LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445 231 67	245 ✓

Once you have clicked Import, then click Close at the top



Using Meals Count

Upon Importing, Click “Edit” and then “Submit” to recalculate groupings

The screenshots illustrate the process of editing and submitting groupings. The 'Please Wait' dialog box contains the following text:

Please Wait

Grouping optimizations are currently being run. The results will update shortly.

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Elapsed Time: 00:07

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included
1	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Mic	107	394	✓
1	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTA	82	300	✓
1	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	34	126	✓
1	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle	0	184	✓
1	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTA	0	184	✓

YOU MUST RE-SUBMIT THE GROUPINGS - groupings are not automatically imported from the Import CSV, and will remain what they were before import

Using Meals Count

Note on Saving / Sharing

- You must **Export to CSV** to “Save” your district
- To share a district, send the user the CSV File you exported
- You may create unlimited “CSV” exports as a way of testing different scenarios
- To load a “saved” district, **Import from CSV** and then **click “Edit” and “Submit”** to recalculate groupings and estimate reimbursements



Live Demo

Meals Count

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Meals Count Considerations

- **Data listed is pulled from the 2020-2021 FRAC database**
- **All data listed is historical data.** Districts **MUST EDIT** enrollment and ISP data, as well as add their ADP data to get accurate grouping suggestions.
- **Multiple strategies for optimizing ISP**
- **Does not include state reimbursement**
- **Consider possible increase in participation**





Q & A

Please enter questions into the Q&A box.



THANK YOU