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# Strategic Grouping with CEP

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Community Eligibility  
Provision (CEP) Basics

Demo of [Meals Count](#),  
new CEP grouping  
calculator

Q&A

# AGENDA

**CEP**  
**supports**  
**students,**  
**families,**  
**and schools.**



# What is the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

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

# Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

Identified students are categorically-eligible for free school meals and identified through **direct certification**.

Students are identified by their participation (or a household member's participation) in:

- **SNAP**: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- **TANF**: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- **FDPIR**: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- **Medicaid Free\***

Children who are...

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

should also be included in an ISP. However, their eligibility does not extend to siblings or other household members.

# ISP =

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

\*Available in: California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin

# CEP Reimbursement Pattern

Two categories of reimbursement: Free & Paid

**Free reimbursement rate** =  $\text{ISP} \times 1.6$

**Paid reimbursement rate** =  $100\% - (\text{ISP} \times 1.6)$

“Magic ISP” = 62.5% ( $62.5\% \times 1.6 = 100\%$  of meals reimbursed at the 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%

# **SNAP enrollment is increasing...**

## **That means ISPs are increasing, too.**

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Conduct direct certification often to ensure every newly eligible child is captured in your schools' ISPs.

Lock in a high (or higher!) ISP in SY20-21 and for the following 3 years.





# Why CEP in SY20-21?

## CEP will help with...

- Counting and claiming for new and more complex school meals operations
  - Counting meals by fee category may not be necessary
  - May be able to use a clicker or tally to make cafeteria meal service quicker
  - No need to swipe student IDs or use pin pads
  - Lunch in the classroom is easier
- Easier training for non-food service staff (e.g. teachers) who may be involved with serving and counting meals this year
- Student and staff safety at the point of service
  - No need to swipe student IDs or use pin pads
  - Fewer surfaces to touch





# Why CEP in SY20-21? (cont'd.)

## CEP will help with...

- Decreasing financial stress among students and families due to COVID-19
- Unpaid school meal debt
  - No collecting of fees = no more meal debt!
  - In schools operating standard counting and claiming this year, meal debt will likely be a larger problem than last
  - **General fund does not have to bail out school nutrition fund**
- Meal service for the next four years! CEP is a 4-year cycle.
- If P-EBT is reauthorized, CEP schools will have an easier job distributing funds.

## Additional Resources

- [CEP Talking Points for School Administrators](#)
- [Template Letter to School Administrators about CEP](#)
- [Strategies for Finding Success with CEP](#)
- [CEP Financial Considerations for School Business Officials](#)
- FRAC [Understanding the Relationship between CEP and Title I Funding](#)
- FRAC [CEP and State Education Funding Policies](#)

Visit our website: <http://bestpractices.nokidhungry.org/cep>

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## Thank you!

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# M Meals Count

Food for Students  
Funds for Schools



# About Meals Count

Meals Count is the result of a Partnership between Open San Diego, CFPA, and SD Hunger



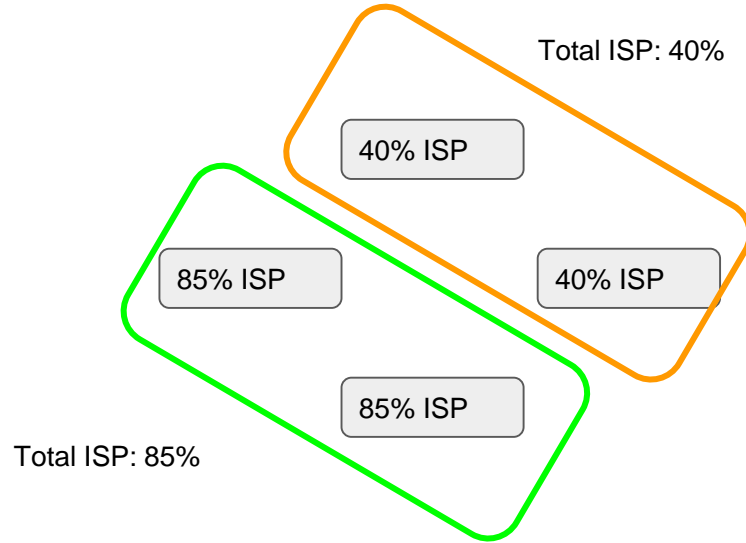
## How Meals Count Works

- Takes in school-level data from school districts
- Uses computers to run many different grouping scenarios
- Recommends grouping with the highest potential reimbursement
- Allows you to adjust which schools are run through the grouping scenarios



# How Meals Count Works

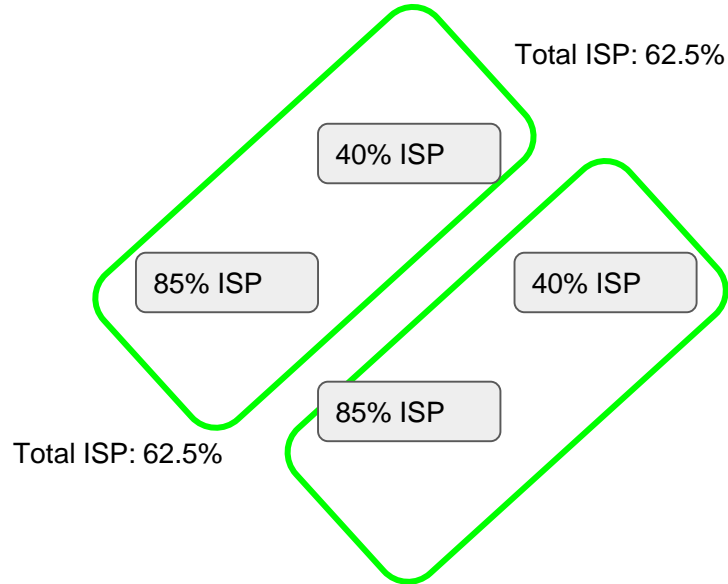
## Why Grouping Matters





# How Meals Count Works

## Why Grouping Matters



# How Meals Count Works

## A Realistic Example - Oceanside Unified

1	470266	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	441	342	647		✓	31.4%	\$0
2	408848	Lakeview Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	487	227	144	278		✓	31.7%	\$17,438
3	408853	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	411	174	122	276		✓	31.4%	\$43,021
4	408861	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	308	111	68	200		✓	32.8%	\$0
5	408870	Van Buren Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	488	130	74	234		✓	17.4%	\$0
6	411228	TKAFT Middle Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	214	4	17	23		✓	0.8%	\$0
7	411717	Horizon Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	420	174	62	307		✓	32.7%	\$0
8	470267	CHERRY HILL ELEMENTARY CENTER	K-12 SCHOOLS (PUBLIC)	1,230	213	206	420		✓	13.8%	\$0
9	408868	North Springs Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	754	41	130	225		✓	3.2%	\$0
10	411762	CLAYTON CENTER MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	498	97	126	221		✓	45.2%	\$17,724
11	408869	JF RAYSON MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
12	408864	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
13	408867	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
14	408718	E. O. GARDNER MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	322					✓	0%	\$0
15	470263	CHERRY HILL PUBLIC CENTER	Elementary Schools (Public)	324					✓	0%	\$0
16	470262	Public View Center	K-12 SCHOOLS (PUBLIC)	414					✓	0%	\$0
17	470264	W. C. CUMMINS HIGH	High Schools (Public)	2,124					✓	0%	\$0
18	408860	FRANZBLAU MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	427					✓	0%	\$0
19	408861	DOE MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	301	144	143	294		✓	49.2%	\$33,224
20	408862	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	427	218	46	311		✓	30.4%	\$42,411
21	470266	Wentworth Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
22	411277	Joseph Luther King Jr Middle	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	1,244	248	118	411		✓	33.1%	\$0
23	408863	Northside Intermediate School	None	12	2	2	4		✓	12.4%	\$2,127
24	411214	Cherry Hill Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	342	140	123	277		✓	32.5%	\$27,443
25	470265	Ocean View High (Cathedral City)	Catholic/Other High Schools	124	43	23	70		✓	31.4%	\$0
26	408865	South Lake Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	227	124	37	184		✓	32.2%	\$13,249
27	411214	Lakeview Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	342	144	133	277		✓	32.7%	\$17,248
28	470265	Ocean View High (Cathedral City)	Catholic/Other High Schools	124	43	23	70		✓	31.4%	\$0
29	408867	Jefferson Middle	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	342	248	242	390		✓	41.4%	\$74,214
30	408871	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342	204	17	253		✓	33.4%	\$53,218
31	408861	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	411	174	122	295		✓	31.2%	\$43,021
32	470266	Horizon Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	427	228	106	342		✓	32.7%	\$43,021
33	408868	North Springs Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	754	227	106	373		✓	31.7%	\$43,021
34	408865	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342	218	46	311		✓	32.5%	\$42,411
35	408860	SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	227	124				✓	32.2%	\$13,249
36	408861	DOE MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	301					✓	0%	\$0
37	408862	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
38	408863	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
39	408864	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
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41	408866	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
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43	408868	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
44	408869	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
45	408870	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
46	408871	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	342					✓	0%	\$0
47	411222	Central Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	207	136		211		✓	42.9%	\$19,449
48	470262	Public View Center	K-12 SCHOOLS (PUBLIC)	414	248	118	222		✓	32.4%	\$14,244
49	408863	UNION MIDDLE	Elementary/Intermediate Schools (Public)	342	218	124	322		✓	32.5%	\$13,249
50	408861	DOE MIDDLE	Elementary Schools (Public)	301	144	143	294		✓	49.2%	\$43,217
51	470265	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	441	342	647		✓	31.2%	\$0
52	408869	North Springs Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	754	41	130	225		✓	3.2%	\$0
53	411228	TKAFT Middle Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	214	4	17	23		✓	0.8%	\$0

**+\$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

[www.mealscount.com](http://www.mealscount.com)

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# Important Data for Meals Count

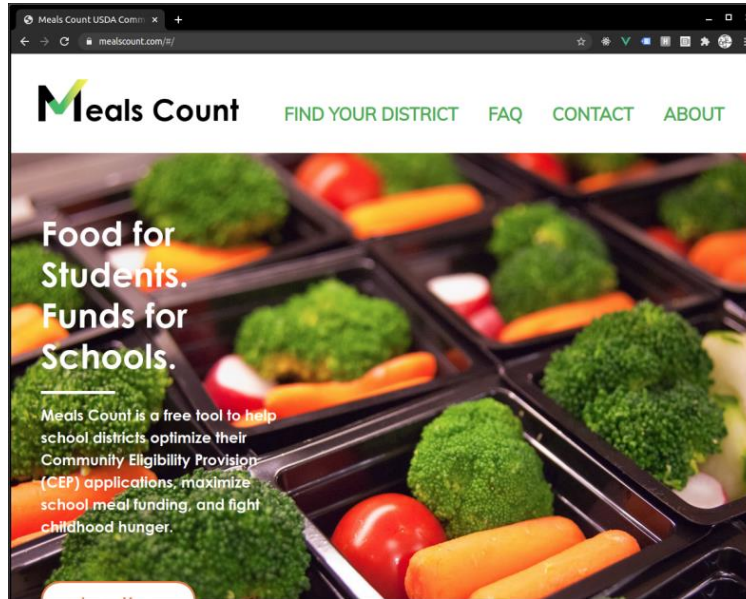
Data to have on hand when using Meals Count

- For each school
  - Total enrollment
  - Unduplicated number of identified students (all directly certified students, including categorically eligible)
  - Average daily participation for breakfast & lunch
- Actual federal reimbursement rate



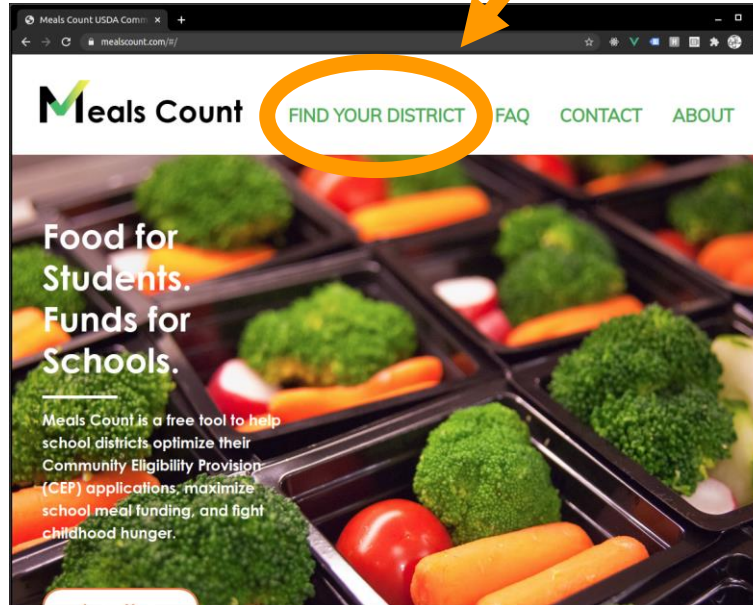
# Using Meals Count

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



# Using Meals Count

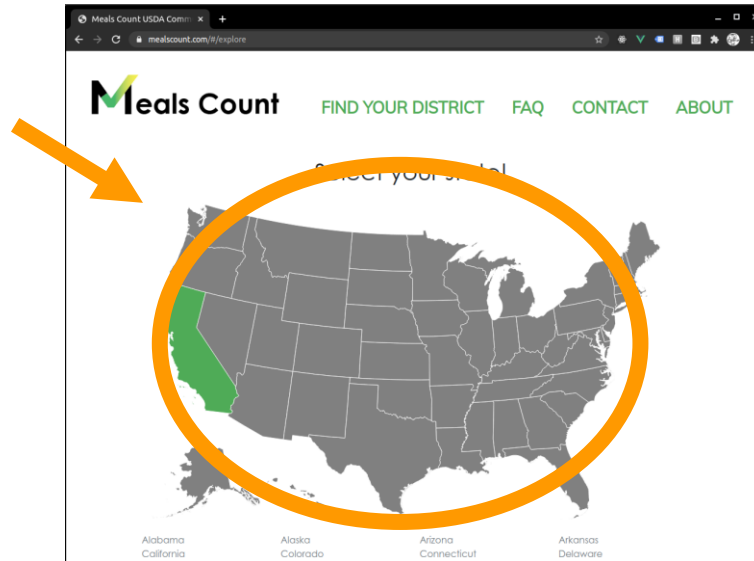
Click **Find Your District**





# Using Meals Count

Click on **Your State**

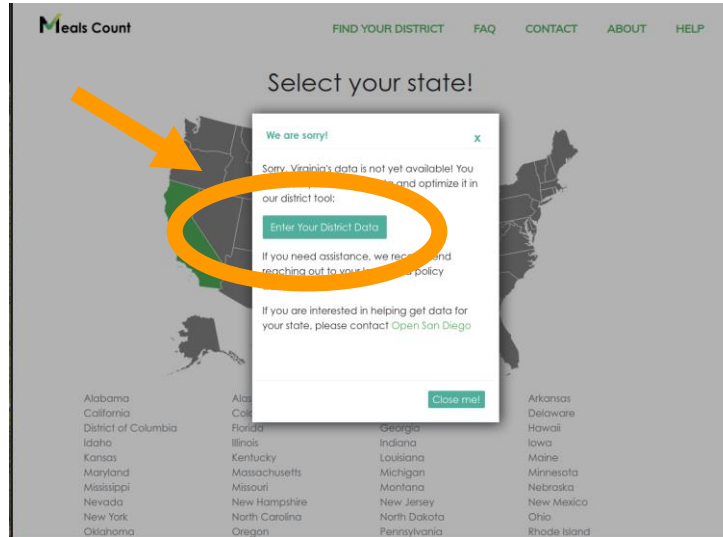


**\*Note:** if not in California, click your state. You will have to manually enter your schools, but all functions of Meals Count will still work



# Using Meals Count

Click “Enter Your District Data”

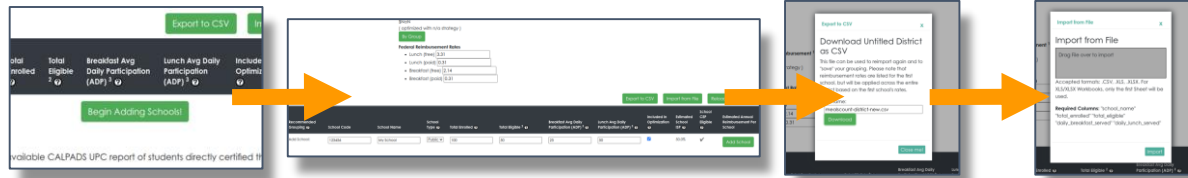


# Using Meals Count

## First Time Process:

1. Add 1 School
2. Export to CSV
3. Open in Excel or Similar
4. Fill in the rest of your schools
5. Import Your Data

\*California and other preloaded "green" states can just modify in place



# Using Meals Count

Click “Begin Adding Schools”

The screenshot shows the Meals Count website interface for a new district. The page title is "Untitled District ( new - VA)". The state is set to "VA" and the district code is "new". The district total enrolled is 0. The estimated annual reimbursement is \$NaN. The federal reimbursement rates are listed as follows:

- Lunch (free) \$3.31
- Lunch (paid) \$0.31
- Breakfast (free) \$2.14
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

At the bottom of the page, there is a table with the following columns: Recommended Grouping, School Code, School Name, School Type, Total Enrolled, Total Participation (ADP), Breakfast Avg (ADP), Lunch Avg (ADP), Included in Optimization, Estimated School ISP, School CEP Eligible, and Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School. A green button labeled "Begin Adding Schools" is located at the bottom center of the table, circled in orange. An orange arrow points from the text "Click 'Begin Adding Schools'" to this button.



# Using Meals Count

## Enter in First School's Data

The screenshot shows the Meals Count web application interface. The main content area contains a form for a new district with the following fields:

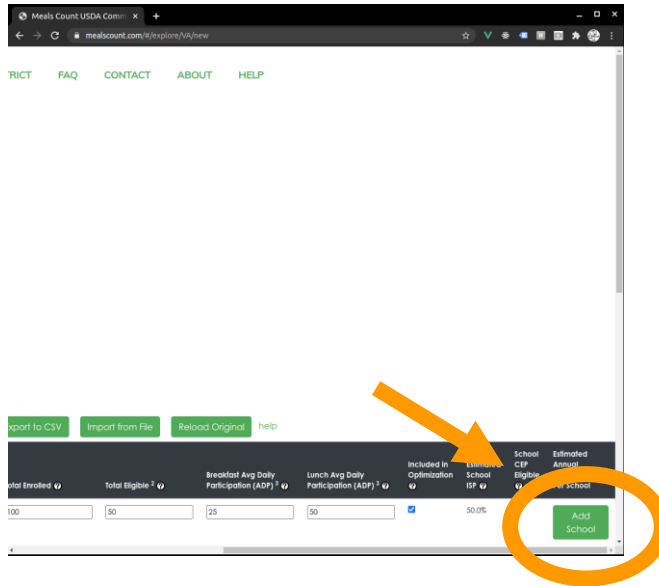
- State: VA
- District Code: new
- District Total Enrolled: [empty]
- District-Wide ISP: N/A/IS
- Estimated Annual Reimbursement: [empty]
- Federal Reimbursement Rates:
  - Lunch (free): 0.31
  - Lunch (paid): 0.31
  - Breakfast (free): 2.14
  - Breakfast (paid): 0.31

At the bottom of the page, there is a table for 'Recommended Grouping' and an 'Add School' form. The 'Add School' form is highlighted with an orange circle and contains the following fields:

Recommended Grouping	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Participating	
Add School	<input type="text" value="School Code (required)"/>	<input type="text" value="School Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Public"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="25"/>

# Using Meals Count

Click “Add School”\*



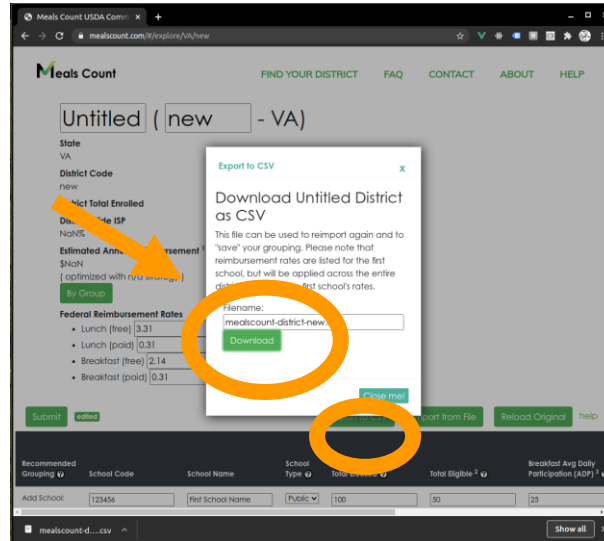
\*You may have to scroll right





# Using Meals Count

Click “Export to CSV” and  
“Download”



# Using Meals Count

Open in Excel or Similar, and fill in  
the rest of the schools

The screenshot shows a spreadsheet window titled "mealscount-district-new (3).csv - LibreOffice Calc". The spreadsheet has a header row (row 1) and a data row (row 2). An orange oval highlights the first row, and an orange arrow points to the first cell (A1) of this row. The spreadsheet is otherwise empty, with rows 3 through 24 visible but containing no data.

state	district	group	school_code	school_name	total_enrolled	total_eligible	daily_breakfast_served	daily_lunch_served	included_in_optimization	estimated_school_reimbursement	lunch_rate	paid_lunch_rate	free_bkfst_rate	paid_bkfst_rate
ny	ny		123456	First School Name	100	50	25	50	true		3.31	0.31	2.14	0.31

# Using Meals Count

## Import Your Data

**Meals Count** [FIND YOUR DISTRICT](#) [FAQ](#) [CONTACT](#) [ABOUT](#) [HELP](#)

### Untitled District ( new - VA)

**State**  
VA

**District Code**  
new

**District Total Enrolled**  
NaN%

**District-Wide ISP**  
NaN%

**Estimated Annual Reimbursement <sup>1</sup>**  
\$NaN  
( optimized with n/a strategy )

[By Group](#)

**Federal Reimbursement Rates**

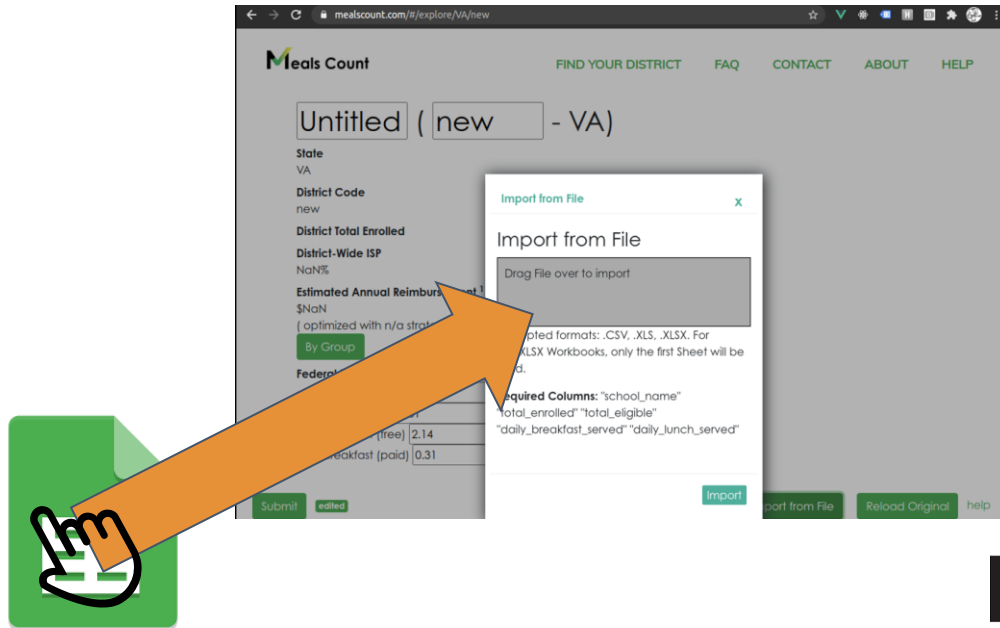
- Lunch (free) \$3.31
- Lunch (paid) \$0.31
- Breakfast (free) \$2.14
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Meal Optimization	School ISP	Per Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
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# Using Meals Count

Save and import as XLS, XLSX, or CSV back into Meals Count using "Import from File" and drag/drop file onto import box and click Import"



The screenshot displays the Meals Count web application interface. The main content area shows a form for a new district in Virginia (VA) with fields for State, District Code, District Total Enrolled, District-Wide ISP, Estimated Annual Reimbursement, and Federal. A table below the form lists various meal types and their associated costs, such as 'Breakfast (free)' at 2.14 and 'Breakfast (paid)' at 0.31. An 'Import from File' dialog box is overlaid on the form, containing a 'Drag File over to import' area, supported file formats (CSV, XLS, XLSX), and a list of required columns: 'school\_name', 'total\_enrolled', 'total\_eligible', 'daily\_breakfast\_served', and 'daily\_lunch\_served'. An orange arrow originates from a green document icon with a white 'M' logo and points towards the 'Import from File' dialog box. The Meals Count logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

# Using Meals Count

Click "Edit" then "Submit" to run grouping calculation

The screenshot shows the 'Untitled District (new - VA)' interface. The 'Submit' button is circled in orange. A modal dialog box titled 'Please Wait' is displayed, indicating that grouping optimizations are currently being run. The dialog includes a note: '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.' The elapsed time is shown as 00:05.

**Grouping Calculation Can Take 1 - 5 Minutes!**

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total	Estimated Annual Reimbursement	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	500	A.W.E. BAZETTE ELEM		434	308	356
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	140	ABERDEEN ELEM		447	291	376
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	345	ALBERTA L. SCHWARTZ ELEM		224	new	new

# Using Meals Count

Review your district and school information

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569](https://mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569). The page features the Meals Count logo and navigation links: FIND YOUR DISTRICT, FAQ, CONTACT, and ABOUT. The main content area displays the following information for Oceanside Unified (73569 - ca):

- State: ca
- District Code: 73569
- District Total Enrolled: 19,371
- District-Wide ISP: 28.6%
- Estimated Annual Reimbursement <sup>1</sup>: \$2,010,294  
[ optimized with NYCMODA strategy ]
- By Group: (button)
- 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 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 receive from CALPADS.



# Using Meals Count

Scroll down to see the schools

Meals Count USDA Comm

mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569

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	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	3735206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	681	242	847	✓	31.3%		\$0
2	6038848	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	✓	\$197,838
2	6038921	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	202	✓	2.0%		\$0
3	6109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	688	120	94	259	✓	17.4%		\$0
3	6115299	Stuart Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	514	4	77	203	✓	0.8%		\$0
3	6119713	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	431	194	98	387	✓	30.7%		\$0
4	0136267	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	1,530	213	280	482	✓	13.9%		\$0
4	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	786	41	150	332	✓	5.2%		\$0

# Using Meals Count

## Understanding the 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 CSP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
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- **Recommended Grouping:** numerical grouping of the schools in the current recommendation. All Schools marked “1” should be in Group 1, all schools marked “2” should be in Group 2. etc.
- **School Code:** school code (for reference only)
- **School Name:** name of the school (for reference only)
- **School Type:** type of school (for reference only)
- **Total Enrolled:** total number of students enrolled in the school
- **Total Eligible:** pre-loaded data is the estimated number of identified students based on CalFresh & CalWORKs direct certification only



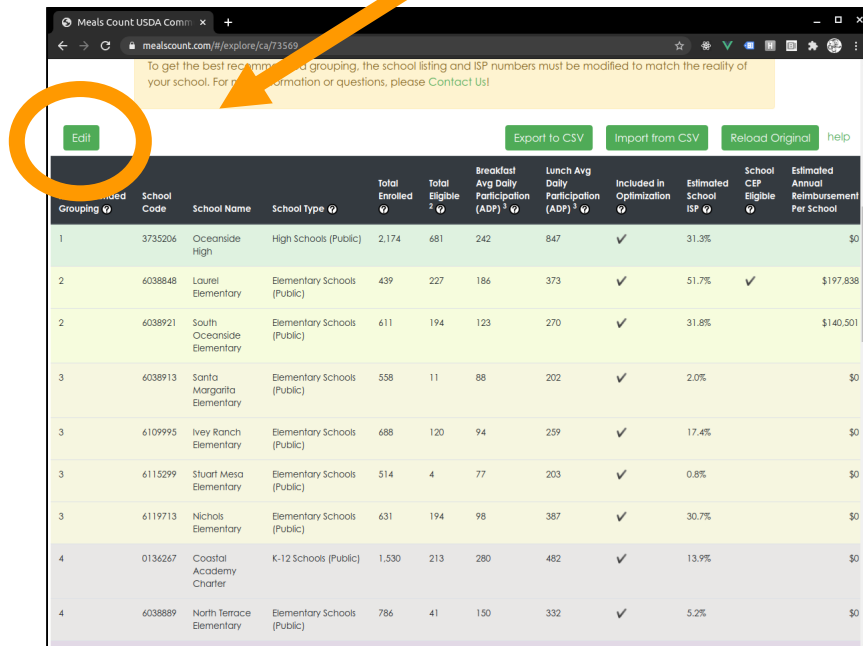
# Using Meals Count

Understanding the columns (cont.)

- **Breakfast Avg Daily Participation:** average **DAILY** number of breakfasts served
- **Lunch Avg Daily Participation:** average **DAILY** number of lunches served
- **Included in Optimization:** whether or not to include the 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% ISP threshold
- **Estimated Annual Reimbursement:** estimated reimbursement based upon the specified rates & a 180-day school year

# Using Meals Count

Click **EDIT** to modify the school listing



To get the best recommendations and 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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3	6038913	Santa Margarita Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	558	11	88	202	✓	2.0%		\$0
3	6109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	688	120	94	259	✓	17.4%		\$0
3	6115299	Stuart Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	514	4	77	203	✓	0.8%		\$0
3	6119713	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	631	194	98	387	✓	30.7%		\$0
4	0136267	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	1,530	213	280	482	✓	13.9%		\$0
4	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	786	41	150	332	✓	5.2%		\$0

# Using Meals Count

## Edit and update school information

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	Avg Daily Participation ADP	Daily Participation	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP
<a href="#">remove</a>	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="563"/>	<input type="text" value="190"/>	<input type="text" value="103"/>	<input type="text" value="177"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
<a href="#">remove</a>	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	<input type="text" value="126"/>	<input type="text" value="65"/>	<input type="text" value="23"/>	<input type="text" value="36"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
<a href="#">remove</a>	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="540"/>	<input type="text" value="268"/>	<input type="text" value="243"/>	<input type="text" value="285"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

You can edit 5 fields per school:

1. Total Enrolled
2. Total Eligible
3. Breakfast Average Daily Participation
4. Lunch Average Daily Participation
5. Included in Optimization

# Using Meals Count

Edit and update school information (cont.)

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	Breakfast Average Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP
<a href="#">remove</a>	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="563"/>	<input type="text" value="190"/>	<input type="text" value="103"/>	<input type="text" value="177"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
<a href="#">remove</a>	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	<input type="text" value="125"/>	<input type="text" value="65"/>	<input type="text" value="23"/>	<input type="text" value="36"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
<a href="#">remove</a>	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Junior High Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="540"/>	<input type="text" value="268"/>	<input type="text" value="243"/>	<input type="text" value="285"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

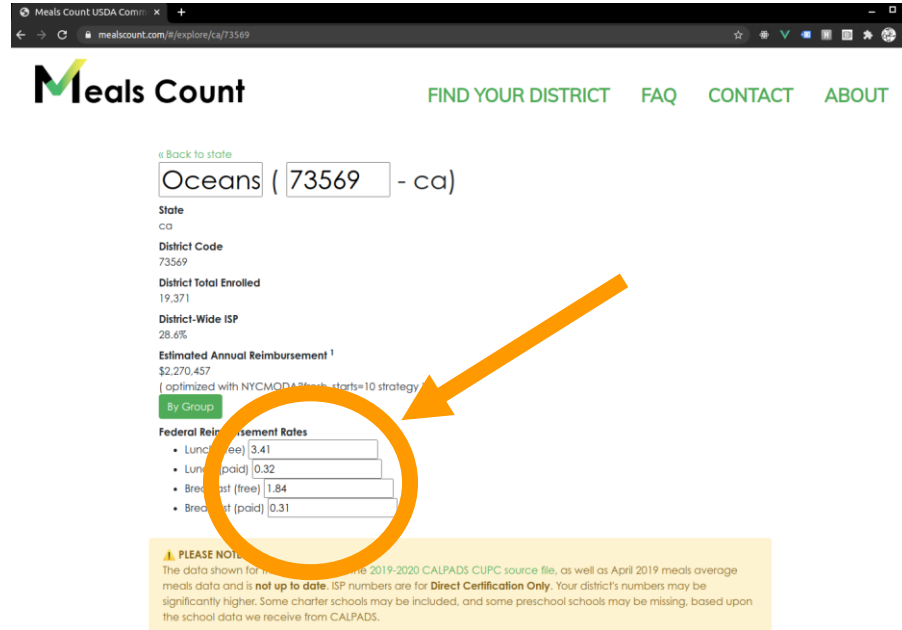
## TO EDIT

1. **Total Enrolled:** enter school enrollment
2. **Total Eligible:** enter unduplicated count of identified students (all directly certified students, including categorically eligible)
3. **Breakfast Average Daily Participation:** enter # of breakfasts served daily
4. **Lunch Average Daily Participation:** enter # of lunches served daily
5. **Included in Optimization:** Uncheck the box if the school is not part of your meal program



# Using Meals Count

Scroll up to verify / edit federal reimbursement rates



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Oceans ( 73569 - ca)

State  
ca

District Code  
73569

District Total Enrolled  
19,371

District-Wide ISP  
28.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement <sup>1</sup>  
\$2,270,457  
(optimized with NYCMODAS strategy, start=10 strategy)

By Group

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) | 3.41
- Lunch (paid) | 0.32
- Breakfast (free) | 1.84
- Breakfast (paid) | 0.31

PLEASE NOTE:  
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# Using Meals Count

Click “remove” or uncheck “Included” for any inapplicable schools

To provide 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	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School
remove	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
remove	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	65	23	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
remove	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	540	268	243	285	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

Some schools (e.g. charter schools) are included from our source data but may not be part of your meal program.

You can either “disable” these school from the grouping calculation or remove them entirely.

Uncheck “Included in Optimization” to disable.

Click “remove” to remove.



# Using Meals Count

Scroll to bottom to add any additional schools

<input type="button" value="remove"/>	3735206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="2174"/>	<input type="text" value="681"/>	<input type="text" value="242"/>	<input type="text" value="847"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31.3%
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="786"/>	<input type="text" value="41"/>	<input type="text" value="150"/>	<input type="text" value="332"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.2%
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	6115200	Stund... Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="77"/>	<input type="text" value="203"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.8%
Add School:	<input type="text" value="School Code"/>	<input type="text" value="School Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Public"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	50.0%

You must specify 7 fields to add a school

1. School Code (can be placeholder if you don't have one)
2. School Name
3. School Type (for reference only, can be left default)
4. Total Enrolled
5. Total Eligible
6. Breakfast Average Daily Participation
7. Lunch Average Daily Participation
8. Included in Optimization (keep checked to include in grouping calculation)

# Using Meals Count

Click “Submit” to run the grouping calculation

For 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 <sup>2</sup>	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP
<a href="#">remove</a>	0113514	Louise Fousat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
<a href="#">remove</a>	026	Ocean Sho (Continuat				23	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
<a href="#">remove</a>	6038830	Jefferson M				243	285	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

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

**Note:** Grouping can take up to 30 seconds. Thank you for your patience!



# Using Meals Count

Once complete, you'll see a notice of the time updated

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>2</sup>	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
	0113514	Louise Foushat 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	6106548	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	✓	\$245,891

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 ISP  
28.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement <sup>1</sup>  
\$2,270,457  
( optimized with NYCMODA?fresh\_starts=10 strategy )

By Group

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.4
- Lunch (paid) \$0.84
- Breakfast (free) \$0.31
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

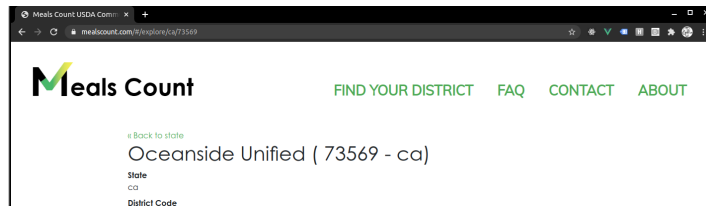
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For the curious, the results show the Meals Count “strategy” used to get calculate this reimbursement.



# Using Meals Count

Reviewing the results: note on optimization



## Important Note

Our standard grouping is tuned to perform for the widest range of schools, with maximum reimbursement.

If you have special requirements or are looking to see if we can improve upon what the website provides, please **Contact Us!**

Contact us by going to [mealscount.com](https://mealscount.com) and clicking "Contact" on the top right!



# Using Meals Count

Reviewing the results: click “By Group” to see group totals

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



# Using Meals Count

Save your work to CSV

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Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) <sup>3</sup>	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	6104546	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	✓	\$166,889
2	6038848	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	✓	\$245,891

# Using Meals Count

Click “Download” to download a copy

The screenshot shows the Meals Count USA web application interface. At the top, there are navigation buttons: 'Exit', 'Export to CSV', 'Import from CSV', and 'Rebuild Original'. Below these is a table with columns for 'Recommended Grouping', 'School Code', 'School Name', 'School Type', 'Total', 'Breakfast Avg Daily', 'Lunch Avg Daily', 'Included in Optimization', 'Estimated School IIP', 'School CEP Eligible', and 'Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School'. A modal window titled 'Export to CSV' is open, showing a 'Download' button circled in orange. An orange arrow points from the 'Download' button in the modal to the 'Download' button in the table's 'Export to CSV' column.

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total	Total	Breakfast Avg Daily	Lunch Avg Daily	Included in Optimization	Estimated School IIP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary (Public)	Elementary					✓	33.7%		\$97,326
1	37392	Ocean Shores Continuation Schools	Continuation					✓	51.6%	✓	\$20,272
1	6038830	Jefferson Middle Schools (Public)	Elementary					✓	49.6%	✓	\$174,654
1	6038871	Mission Elementary (Public)	Elementary					✓	52.6%	✓	\$226,928
1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary (Public)	Elementary					✓	31.8%		\$140,530
1	6106546	Reynolds Elementary (Public)	Elementary					✓	32.7%		\$166,889
2	6038848	Laurel Elementary (Public)	Elementary					✓	51.7%	✓	\$245,891
3	6038855	Libby Elementary (Public)	Elementary Schools	429	218	48	317	✓	50.8%	✓	\$145,091
3	6038905	San Luis Rey Elementary (Public)	Elementary Schools	257	129	37	154	✓	50.2%	✓	\$73,717
3	6069108	E. O. Garrison Elementary Schools	Elementary Schools	322	130	126	254	✓	40.4%	✓	\$137,776

# Using Meals Count

Review / share the resulting file

**NOTE:** MealsCount now supports upload as XLS, XLSX, or CSV. If using an Excel “Workbook” please make sure the data sheet is the first tab/sheet in your workbook.



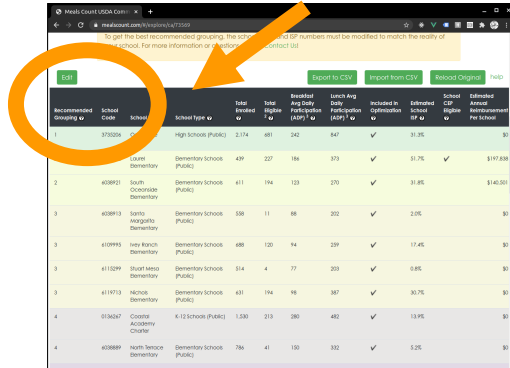
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	State	District	Group	School Code	School Name	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Daily Breakfast Served	Daily Lunch Served	Included in Optimization	Estimated School Reimbursement	Free Lunch Rate	Paid Lunch Rate	Free Bkfst Rate	Paid Bkfst Rate
2	ca	73569	7	1	Nonpublic, Nonsectarian Schools	13	2	2	4	true		0.25	3.41	0.32	1.84
3	ca	73569	1	113514	Louise Fouquet Elementary	563	190	103	177	true					0.31
4	ca	73569	7	113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	688	297	126	211	true					
5	ca	73569	5	136267	Coastal Academy Charter	1530	213	280	482	true					
6	ca	73569	7	3731221	Pacific View Charter	618	245	176	370	true					
7	ca	73569	8	3735206	Oceanside High	2174	681	242	847	true					
8	ca	73569	4	3739019	El Capitan High	2950	725	257	500	true					
9	ca	73569	1	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	126	65	23	36	true					
10	ca	73569	1	6038830	Jefferson Middle	540	268	243	285	true					
11	ca	73569	2	6038848	Laurel Elementary	439	227	186	373	true					
12	ca	73569	6	6038856	Luby Elementary	429	218	48	217	true					
13	ca	73569	7	6038863	Lincoln Middle	839	298	224	305	true					
14	ca	73569	1	6038871	Mission Elementary	540	284	97	493	true					
15	ca	73569	8	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	786	41	150	332	true					
16	ca	73569	5	6038897	Palmdale Elementary	437	155	123	278	true					
17	ca	73569	3	6038905	San Luis Rey Elementary	257	129	37	154	true					
18	ca	73569	5	6038913	Santa Margarita Elementary	558	11	88	202	true					
19	ca	73569	1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	611	194	123	270	true					
20	ca	73569	3	6069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	322	130	126	256	true					
21	ca	73569	7	6088991	Del Rio Elementary	351	166	163	294	true					
22	ca	73569	1	6106546	Reynolds Elementary	627	205	108	342	true					
23	ca	73569	5	6106211	Christa McAuliffe Elementary	566	148	131	254	true					
24	ca	73569	6	6109995	Joy Francis Elementary	688	120	94	259	true					
25	ca	73569	5	6111777	Martin Luther King Jr. Middle	1384	328	318	471	true					
26	ca	73569	8	6115299	Stuart Mesa Elementary	514	4	77	203	true					
27	ca	73569	3	6119713	Nichols Elementary	631	194	98	387	true					
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**NOTE:** The federal reimbursement rates are included under the first school, and will be applied again on import for the district as a whole



# Using Meals Count

Upon importing, click “Edit” and then “Submit” to recalculate groupings

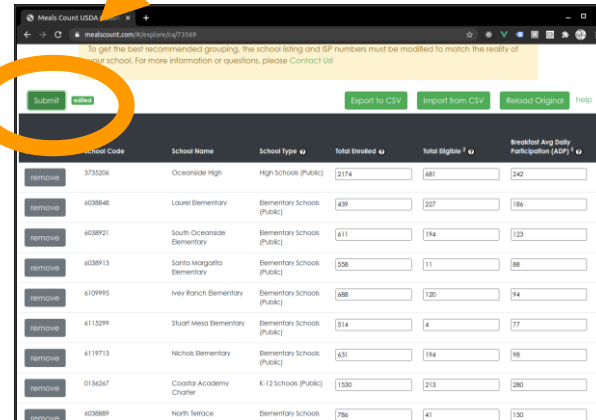


Meals Count USA

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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	Elementary School SP #	School SP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reassignment Per School
	373206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2174	481	242	541	✓		31.8%	\$0
	403848	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓		51.7%	\$147,838
2	403892	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓		31.8%	\$140,320
3	403893	Santa Margarita Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	558	11	88	202	✓		2.0%	\$0
3	410995	Ivey Branch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	688	120	74	289	✓		17.4%	\$0
3	411209	Stuart Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	514	4	77	203	✓		0.8%	\$0
3	411973	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	631	194	98	307	✓		30.7%	\$0
4	013627	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	1530	213	280	482	✓		13.9%	\$0
4	403889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	786	41	130	332	✓		5.2%	\$0



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School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) %	
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	373206	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="2174"/>	<input type="text" value="481"/>	<input type="text" value="242"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	403848	Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="439"/>	<input type="text" value="227"/>	<input type="text" value="186"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	403892	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="611"/>	<input type="text" value="194"/>	<input type="text" value="123"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	403893	Santa Margarita Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="558"/>	<input type="text" value="11"/>	<input type="text" value="88"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	410995	Ivey Branch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="688"/>	<input type="text" value="120"/>	<input type="text" value="74"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	411209	Stuart Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="514"/>	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="77"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	411973	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="631"/>	<input type="text" value="194"/>	<input type="text" value="98"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	013627	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="1530"/>	<input type="text" value="213"/>	<input type="text" value="280"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	403889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	<input type="text" value="786"/>	<input type="text" value="41"/>	<input type="text" value="130"/>

**YOU MUST RE-SUBMIT THE GROUPINGS** - groupings are not automatically imported from the Import File, 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 File** and then **click “Edit” and “Submit”** to recalculate groupings and estimate reimbursements



# M Meals Count

Have questions or suggestions?  
<https://www.mealscount.com/#/contact>



# Q&A

*Please raise your hand or put questions in the Q&A box.*



**THANK YOU**