



Community Eligibility Provision and Universal Meals

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What is Community Eligibility Provision?

CEP allows schools to offer meals at no cost to **all** enrolled students without collecting household applications for a period of four years.

Alleviates the burden of certifying students for free meals based on income applications

$$\frac{\text{Identified Student Enrollment}}{\text{Enrollment}} \times 1.6 = \text{Free Claiming Percentage}$$

Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

Students who are part of a household receiving:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Medicaid (Free)

Students that are:

- Homeless
- Migrant
- Foster
- Head Start

Federal Changes to CEP

- October 2023 - USDA amended the CEP regulations by lowering the Identified Student Percentage (ISP)
 - Lowered from 40 percent to 25 percent
- Enabled more schools to participate

CEP in Oregon

- April 2024 – Oregon Administrative Rules for CEP Incentive revised to match the federal ISP of 25 percent
 - Allows for more schools to receive state supplemental funding
- School Year 2023-2024 – Oregon participated in a USDA demonstration project with Medicaid (DC-M)
 - DC-M uses Medicaid data files to identify children eligible to receive meals at free or reduced price w/o an application
 - Schools used Medicaid data when calculating ISP

Projected Spending – Student Success Act Hunger Free Schools Program Grants

Year	Budget	Expenditures	Budget Remaining
2024-2025	52,949,005.50	-59,466.73	52,889,538.77
2023-2024	52,949,005.50	-34,374,047.85	18,574,957.65
	105,898,011.00	-34,433,514.58	71,464,496.42

- School Year 2023-2024 spent ~\$34.3 million of the \$52.95 allocated
- Intend to spend as close to the remaining \$71.4 million remaining by the end of 2025 biennium

CEP in Oregon

- Schools operating CEP in Oregon
 - 2021-2022: 569
 - 2022-2023: 694
 - 2023-2024: 910
 - 2024-2025: 1,191
 - Approximately 94 percent of Oregon schools on National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participating in CEP

Universal Meals - Forecast

- Comparison of actual school sites participating in CEP to Forecast Assumptions

<u>Participation with Forecast Assumptions</u>		
CEP Sites	1212	
SCC Sites	32	
<u>Actual CEP Participation 2024-25</u>		
CEP	1191	
EIG/SCC	65	
P2	3	

Universal Meals – Cost to the State

Year	USDA Pay	State Copay
2025	\$205,098,944.00	\$60,924,647.00
2026	\$212,325,520.00	\$63,966,147.00
Total	\$417,424,464.00	\$124,890,794.00