



# Community Eligibility Provision

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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

# 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