

## **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is the newest opportunity for schools to provide Free
  breakfast and lunch to all students. CEP also allows schools to reduce Administrative costs related
  to collecting and processing applications as well as tracking students based on meal eligibility
  status. CEP is part of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) and will again be available for the
  2016-2017 SY
- No school district, city, or community funds will be needed to support this program. This is a Federally funded program
- CEP has been phased in over a period of three years in a limited number of states. Because of the overwhelmingly positive results & feedback it is now being implemented nationwide
- CEP is available to all 6 of Seaford's Schools
- CEP is available to our district for four years beginning on July 1, 2014. To begin a new 4-year period our district must reapply before April 1st of the 4th year
- Schools may opt out of CEP at anytime during their four year eligibility period
- CEP schools must provide one Free Breakfast & one Free Lunch daily to all enrolled students
- Students will no longer be required to complete the meal benefit form! Every enrolled student will be able to eat both Breakfast & Lunch Free of charge without filling out any forms, it's that simple!
- Students will still be required to enter their lunch pin number to receive their meal. Pin entries are used to keep track how many meals are served and must be counted daily for recording purposes. Pin numbers also allow us to identify and track those students with food allergies
- Students will still have the ability to add money to their accounts which they will need in order to purchase any food items outside the reimbursable meal, such as snacks or seconds. Students can still have money added to their account via PayPams





- Good nutrition can contribute to the academic success of students
- No school meal debt, all students eat at no cost
- No overt identification of student eligibility
- Alternative feeding, such as Breakfast in the Classroom & Grab N Go Breakfast, will operate more efficiently with CEP
- CEP will not affect the meal being served or the daily operation of the cafeteria. Students will find
  the same great meals with no changes to the meal quality, nutritional content, variety, or their
  overall daily cafeteria experience!

## QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Please contact our Nutrition Services Department at 302-629-4587 ext. 1830

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