

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for School Year (SY) 24-25:

If your district is considering CEP for SY 24-25, please keep the information below in mind.

- LEA's electing CEP, establishing a new ISP, or conducting a grace year for SY 24-25, must calculate the ISP using data drawn based on April 2024 Direct Certification information. The best time to pull that data is around April 8th.
- You must print a district enrollment list for the same April 2024 time period, April 8th, as the Direct Certification from the WAVE list.
- You can include your Direct Certification Medicaid FREE students in SY 24-25, **no** Medicaid Reduced may be included for CEP.
- Compile the documentation for any Foster students verified by the local Foster agency, Tribal students that receive Indian Commodities verified from the Tribe, a list of students in a Federally Funded Head Start Program from the Head Start agency, and any Homeless, Migrant or Runaway determined by the district's liaison for that program.
- You need to let the Child Nutrition Programs know you are wanting to elect CEP for the 24-25 school year by June 30, 2024.
- You must participate in both the Breakfast and Lunch program to apply for CEP.
- Only enrolled students in your district can be included in the ISP for CEP.
- CEP can be done district-wide, by site or groups of sites, this is determined by the local district if at least 25% of students are directly certified.
- If the total amount of Federal assistance available does not fully cover the cost of offering all students meals at no charge, LEA's **must** contribute non-Federal funds to cover the difference [(7 CFR 245.9(f)(4)(vii)].
- The USDA CEP Estimator Tool and CEP Guidance can be found in Other Documents in CARS, under the heading CEP & Provision Information.

Please contact Child Nutrition at 405-521-3327 with any questions. You can also reach out to your Regional Child Nutrition Program Specialist with questions regarding CEP.

