



# TREND REPORT | School Year 2018-2019

## Community Eligibility Provision

### What is the Community Eligibility Provision?

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) allows schools to offer meals at no charge to all students without collecting household applications. Here's how:



Schools, groups of schools or entire districts determine their Identified Student Percentage (ISP), which is the number of students certified for free meals based on enrollment in other safety net programs (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR).



The ISP is used to calculate school meal reimbursement.

CEP ensures more students can participate in the School Breakfast Program while also benefitting school nutrition programs financially.

### What is high breakfast participation?

It means schools have met or exceeded the national benchmark of 70 Free/Reduced Price (FRP) breakfasts served for every 100 FRP lunches.

## 2018-2019 FINDINGS



**61.7 FRP breakfasts**

were served **for every**  
**100 FRP lunches** served.



Schools using CEP were  
**2.2x more likely**  
to have **high breakfast participation**.



**56.9%**

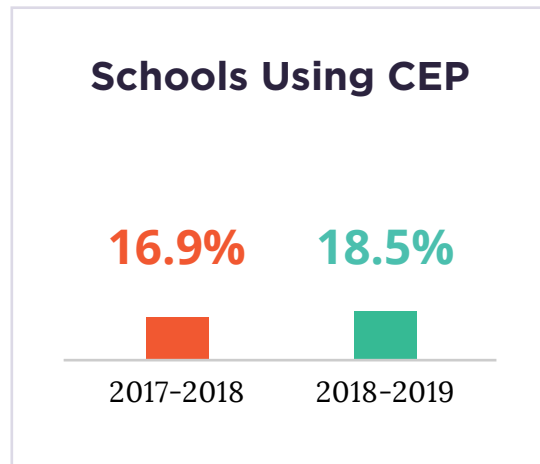
of CEP schools had **high breakfast participation**.



**40.1% of schools**

in the top 10% for breakfast participation used CEP, **while only 2.3% of schools** in the bottom 10% used CEP.

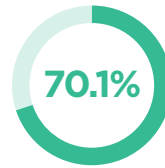
## Year-Over-Year Trends in Missouri



**In the 2018-2019 school year:**

**48**

new schools adopted CEP.



of these schools increased their breakfast ratio an average of **11.5 breakfasts per 100 lunches**.



An additional **240** schools could have used CEP in the 2018-2019 school year to provide meals to all students.

## Leveraging CEP to Support More Students

Schools in your district may be eligible for CEP for the first time due to increased economic insecurity and job loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CEP supports schools financially as they implement new safety measures and innovative delivery models during the pandemic. **Qualifying schools should adopt the Community Eligibility Provision.**



If statewide breakfast participation reached the national benchmark, Missouri schools would receive **an additional \$7,610,691 each year**. Don't leave money on the table. Put food on the table for your students instead.

**Visit our website for more information and tools to help make the financial case for CEP.**

**[MOSchoolBreakfast.org](https://moschoolbreakfast.org)**

### Benefits of CEP

#### FOR SCHOOLS

- ✓ No Unpaid Meal Debt
- ✓ Maximizes Federal Reimbursement
- ✓ Lower Administrative Burden

#### FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

- ✓ Improved Behavior and Academic Performance
- ✓ More Students' Nutritional Needs are Met
- ✓ Less Stress for Parents

School breakfast data was obtained from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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