

Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Charleston County School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the school/district may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact your School Food Service (SFS) Director Angela McLaughlin for additional information.

Angel Oak Elementary	Baptist Hill High	Burke High
Charleston Development Academy	Charleston Progressive	Chicora Elementary
Clark Academy	Corcoran Elementary	Deer Park Middle
Dunston Elementary	Early College High	Ellington Elementary
Frierson Elementary	Greg Mathis Charter	Haut Gap Middle
Hunley Park Elementary	Hursey Elementary	James Simons Elementary
Jane Edwards Elementary	Jenkins Academy	Ladson Elementary
Lambs Elementary	Mary Ford Elementary	Meeting Street Elementary @ Brentwood
Meeting Street Elementary @ Burns	Memminger Elementary	Midland Park Primary
Military Magnet Academy	Minnie Hughes Elementary	Mitchell Elementary
Morningside Middle	Mt. Zion Elementary	North Charleston Creative Arts
North Charleston Elementary	North Charleston Elementary	Northwoods Middle
Pepperhill Elementary	Pinehurst Elementary	Oakland Elementary
Sanders Clyde Elementary	Simmons-Pinckney Middle	Springfield Elementary
St. James Santee Elementary	St. John's High	Stall High
Stono Park Elementary	WB Goodwin Elementary	West Ashley Head Start
West Ashley Middle (CE Williams – 6 th Grade Only)	West Ashley High	Zucker Middle

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Angela McLaughlin (*Director of CCSD Nutrition Services*) on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Walter Campbell whose address is:
3999 Bridge View Dr.
North Charleston, SC 29405 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

This release was sent to the following newspapers.

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The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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