

CEP Overview

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Community Eligibility Provision



United States Department of Agriculture



How CEP Works

- School districts, groups of schools, or individual schools may participate if they meet eligibility requirements
- Participating schools must offer breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students
- Each CEP cycle lasts for up to four consecutive school years
- After four years, eligible schools can begin a new CEP cycle; ineligible schools may qualify for a grace year
- Interested school districts must notify their State agency by June 30 of the prior school year

CEP Eligibility

Eligibility for CEP is based on having an identified student percentage (ISP) of ≥ 25 percent as of April 1:

- **Identified Students:**
 - Children who participate in SNAP, TANF, FDPIR and Medicaid in demo states (free meals only)
 - Homeless, runaway, migrant, and foster children; Head Start Enrollee
- **Enrolled Students:**
 - Students enrolled in and attending CEP schools
 - Access to at least one meal service daily (breakfast or lunch)

ISP Calculation

$$\text{ISP} = \frac{\text{\# Identified Students}}{\text{\# Enrolled Students}} \times 100$$

	Identified Students		Enrolled Students		Total		Multiply x 100		ISP
Example	230	÷	420	=	0.5476	×	100	=	54.76%
GCSD	631	÷	2120	=	0.2976	×	100	=	29.76%
CBCSD	4,707	÷	8,462	=	0.5563	×	100	=	55.63%

*LEAs cannot round up to meet the minimum ISP; an ISP of 24.98% does

NOT meet the minimum threshold of 25% to elect CEP

(GCSD = Glenwood Community School District) – (CBCSD = Council Bluffs Community School District)

CEP Claiming

- **Multiplier = 1.6**
- **ISP × Multiplier = % of meals claimed at Federal free rate \$4.25**
- **Remaining meals claimed at Federal paid rate \$0.40**

	ISP		Multiplier		% Free	% Paid
Example 1	25	×	1.6	=	40	60
Example 2	62.5	×	1.6	=	100	0
GCSD	29.76	x	1.6	=	47.62	52.38
CBCSD	55.63	x	1.6	=	89.01	10.99

**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) - Site Eligibility
For School Year: 2022 - 2023**

25110000 Status: Active
Glenwood Comm School District
 DBA:
 103 Central St, Ste 300
 Glenwood, IA 51534

 Type of Agency: Educational Institution
 Type of SNP Organization: Public

Program Year is View Only

General Information

Reporting Date: April 01, 2023

Due Date: April 14, 2023

Instructions

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) provides an alternative to household applications for free and reduced price meals for economically disadvantaged students in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools. Sites that elect this option agree to serve all students free lunches and breakfasts for four (4) successive school years and claim the meals based on a percentage of [Identified Students](#) multiplied by a [USDA-defined multiplier factor](#).

Sites which have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) of 40% or greater are eligible for this option.
 Sites which have an Identified Student Percentage (ISP) between 30.00% - 39.99% are [potentially eligible](#).

Enter each Site's Number of Identified Students and Enrollment as of the Reporting Date.

Site ID	Site Name	Nbr of Identified Students	Enrollment	ISP	Eligible?	Potentially Eligible?
0109	Glenwood Senior High School	149	594	25.08 %		
0209	Glenwood Middle School	146	485	30.10 %		X
0406	Northeast Elementary School	209	607	34.43 %		X
0409	West Elementary School	127	434	29.26 %		
Organization Totals		631	2,120	29.76 %		

Total Sites: 4

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**Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) - Site Eligibility
For School Year: 2022 - 2023**

14760000 Status: Active
Council Bluffs Comm School District
 DBA:
 300 W Broadway Ste 1600
 Council Bluffs, IA 51503
 Type of Agency: Educational Institution
 Type of SNP Organization: Public

Program Year is View Only

General Information

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Enter each Site's Number of Identified Students and Enrollment as of the Reporting Date.

Select sites are eligible for CEP

Site ID	Site Name	Nbr of Identified Students	Enrollment	ISP	Eligible?	Potentially Eligible?
0109	Thomas Jefferson High School	614	1,147	53.53 %	X	
0118	Abraham Lincoln High School	606	1,321	45.87 %	X	
0212	Gerald W Kim Middle School	477	945	50.48 %	X	
0245	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	517	881	58.68 %	X	
0418	Bloomer Elementary School	300	414	72.46 %	X	
0422	Carter Lake Elementary School	227	344	65.99 %	X	
0427	College View Elementary School	183	466	39.27 %		X
0445	Edison Elementary School	284	433	65.59 %	X	
0454	Franklin Elementary School	312	488	63.93 %	X	
0481	Hoover Elementary School	215	419	51.31 %	X	
0490	Lewis and Clark Elementary School	137	268	51.12 %	X	
0499	Longfellow Elementary School	284	482	58.92 %	X	
0544	Roosevelt Elementary School	317	469	67.59 %	X	
0553	Rue Elementary School	234	385	60.78 %	X	
Organization Totals		4,707	8,462	55.63 %		

Total Sites: 14

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Financial Viability

- Ensuring financial viability is key when electing CEP
- Federal-local cost sharing
- Estimator tool to help project Federal funding under CEP:
 - <https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision-resource-center>



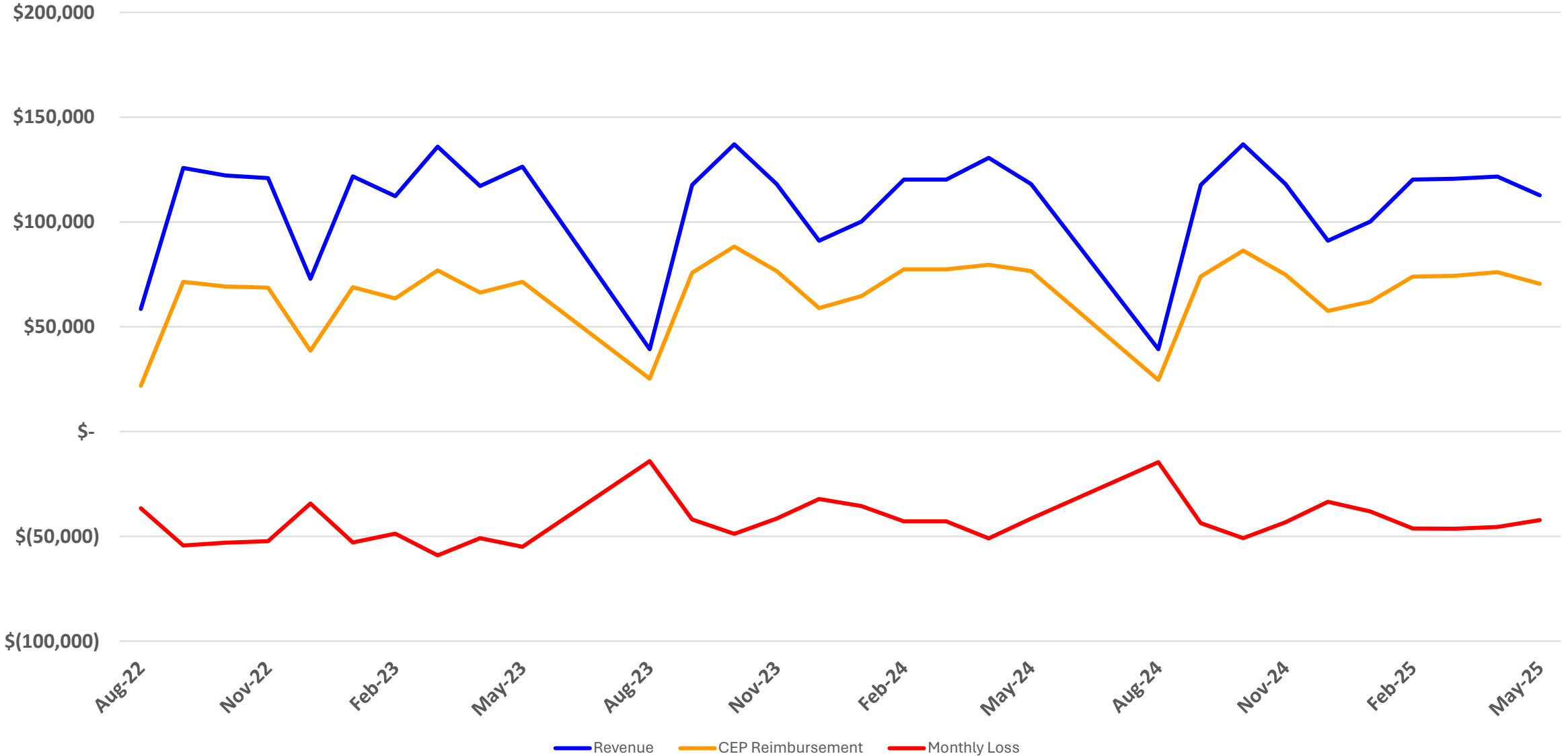
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Monthly Federal Reimbursement Estimator

Use to estimate the level of Federal reimbursement received under the CEP

District Name: Glenwood February 2024

Step 1: Calculating the Identified Student Percentage		Step 2: Federal Reimbursement Rates		
If grouping schools, use the grouping calculator to assist in determining 1.1 and 1.2.		Select the current reimbursement rates used for each program (without the \$0.08). The additional \$0.08 is applied in the next box		
Enter the number of identified students and enrolled students that is reflective of April 1 st in 1.1 and 1.2	Click to define: Identified Students			
1.1) Enter the number of identified students	631	Lunch	Breakfast	
1.2) Enter the TOTAL student enrollment	2,120	Free	\$4.25 ▼ \$2.73 ▼	
ISP Base Number, rounded to 4 decimal places	0.2976	Paid	\$0.40 ▼ \$0.38 ▼	
ISP Percentage of identified students = <i>**This percentage must be at least 25% to be eligible**</i>	29.76%	Select "\$0.08" if the SFA is certified for the additional \$0.08.		
Percentage of meals reimbursed at the Federal FREE rate =	47.62%	0.08 ▼		
Percentage of meals reimbursed at the Federal PAID rate =	52.38%			
Step 3: Monthly Meal Data		Estimated CEP Monthly Federal Reimbursements		
Enter in the number of LUNCHES and/or BREAKFASTS served in a month in 3.1 and 3.2				
3.1) Enter the total number of LUNCHES served in a month:	26,157	Reimbursement for LUNCH =	\$65,346.35	
3.2) Enter the total number of BREAKFASTS served in a month:	7,661	Reimbursement for BREAKFAST =	\$12,057.22	
Total number of MEALS served in a month:	33,818	Total Reimbursement Level =	\$77,403.57	
Step 4: Anticipated Participation Change due to serving all FREE meals (for example enter 2 for 2%):	NLSP	SBP		
	8.00%	5.00%		
Total number of LUNCHES reimbursed at FREE rate =	13,451	Federal Reimbursement per LUNCH =	\$2.31	
Total number of LUNCHES reimbursed at the PAID rate =	14,799	Federal Reimbursement per BREAKFAST =	\$1.50	
Total number of BREAKFASTS reimbursed at FREE rate =	3,830	Optional Comparison: Enter current monthly Federal reimbursements and student payment revenue		
Total number of BREAKFASTS reimbursed at the PAID rate =	4,214	LUNCH =	\$100,801.61	
CEP Difference: This section displays the estimated difference between operating CEP and the current Federal reimbursements and student payments (if applicable). If the differences boxes are GREEN , then CEP is estimated to generate the same or more Federal revenue. If the boxes are RED , then current procedures are estimated to generate higher Federal revenue.		BREAKFAST =	\$19,426.73	
		LUNCH Difference =	-\$35,455.26	Total Difference
		BREAKFAST difference =	-\$7,369.51	-\$42,824.77

Reimbursement Revenue Loss - 3 Years = \$1,293,915



CEP Funding Sources

- **Nonprofit school food service account funds, including:**
 - Federal reimbursement and other assistance under the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act
 - Unused reimbursement from the Summer Food Service Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program

(School Food Services is an enterprise fund, unable to use funding from School General or SAVE Funds)
- **Non-Federal funds, including:**
 - Any portion of State revenue matching funds that exceeds the minimum requirement established in 7 CFR Part 210.17;
 - State and/or local funds;
 - Cash donations; and
 - In-kind contribution funds from outside sources, such as volunteer services.

Additional Considerations

- No data from applications
- Title I information
- Alternate income forms
- Loss of Free & Reduced Waiver discounts
Drivers Ed, Summer School & AP testing
Fees – for on F&R Applications



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Election Deadline

- By June 30, eligible LEAs must decide whether to elect CEP
- If electing CEP, LEAs must submit ISP data representative of April 1



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Learn More!

CEP Resource Center:

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- Estimator Tool
- CEP Memos
- CEP Data
- Webinars



School Programs Policy:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/policy/all>

State Agency Resources:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/nslp/program-contacts>