



## **Sikeston R-6 Schools - 1002 Virginia Street - Sikeston, MO 63801**

### **SY 2020-2021 Community Eligibility Provision**

We are pleased to inform you that the Sikeston R-6 schools are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the school year 2020-2021:

This means that all students enrolled at the schools listed above are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch during the school year. Household applications for free and reduced price meals will not be collected if your child attends a CEP school. All students enrolled at these schools may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them regardless of their eligibility status.

#### **Frequently Asked CEP Questions**

**1. What does this mean for my child?**

CEP allows school districts in high-poverty areas to provide meals at no cost to all students in schools that qualify based on the identified student percentage (ISP). All students enrolled at the CEP school may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them regardless of the eligibility status. If your child is enrolled at a non-CEP school your child may qualify for free and reduced priced meals through an application.

**2. How were schools selected?**

Schools are qualified based on their identified student percentage (ISP). A school or a group of schools must meet the 40 percent ISP threshold and other eligibility criteria.

**3. What is the identified student percentage (ISP)?**

Students may be classified as “identified students” when they (or a household’s member) receive benefits through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Students who are also identified by the district as homeless, migrant, runaways, or foster children may also be considered.

**4. Do I have to complete a National School Lunch Free and Reduced Meal Application for my children (child)?**

• My children (child) attend a CEP school:

No. You will not complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application. All children enrolled at a CEP school are eligible to receive a free breakfast and lunch during the school year.

• My children are attending both a CEP and non-CEP school:

Yes. Contact the non-CEP school your child is attending for more information on meal pricing and how to apply for free and reduced price meal benefits. You will need to complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application for your household. All children in the household will be included on your application, including those that are attending a CEP school.

• My children (child) will not be attending a CEP school:

Yes. You will need to complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application. Contact the school your child is attending for more information on meal pricing and how to apply for free and reduced meal benefits.