



Kenton County School District | It's about ALL kids

District-Wide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Implementation Update



FREE

School Meals for ALL students!

ALL KCSD schools will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2024-25 school year.

More info: www.kenton.kyschools.us/cep

<https://www.kenton.kyschools.us/cep>
CEP Resources for Principals





CEP Reminders and Key Points.

Community Eligibility Provision

A federally supported student nutrition program that provides free breakfast and lunch to ALL students in a school or district.

Qualifying for CEP.

Qualification is based on at least 25% of student population belonging to the *IDENTIFIED STUDENT PERCENTAGE* (ISP). Formerly 40% minimum.

Identified Student Percentage (ISP)

The ISP is the percentage of students participating in SNAP or TANF, or identified as Homeless or Foster Care.

Process to Qualify for CEP?

ALL KCSD students qualify for CEP without any conditions or application submission. No Free and Reduced Application needed.

From Nine Schools to ALL Schools.

In the 2023-2034 school year, KCSD had nine CEP schools. As of the 2024-2025 school year, ALL KCSD schools are CEP!

Student Participation in Breakfast and Lunch Has Increased!

The implementation of CEP has meant more KCSD students are eating nutritious meals each school day!



Why District-Wide CEP Benefits the KCSD?

Ensuring students have nutritious meals every day!

1 in 5 American school children lack consistent access to food.

On average, students who eat school breakfast have been shown to achieve 17.5% higher scores on standardized math tests and attend more days of school per year.

"Schools are now the healthiest place Americans are eating"
Tufts University (2021)

Simplifying the Process for Free Meals!

Parents and students no longer have to complete applications to qualify for free meals.

The lack of an application process increases participation and removes any stigma associated with the process.

Administrative time required to distribute, collect, and process applications is eliminated.

Eliminates the Need for 'Charged Meals'.

Every student receives the regular menu items free for breakfast and lunch.

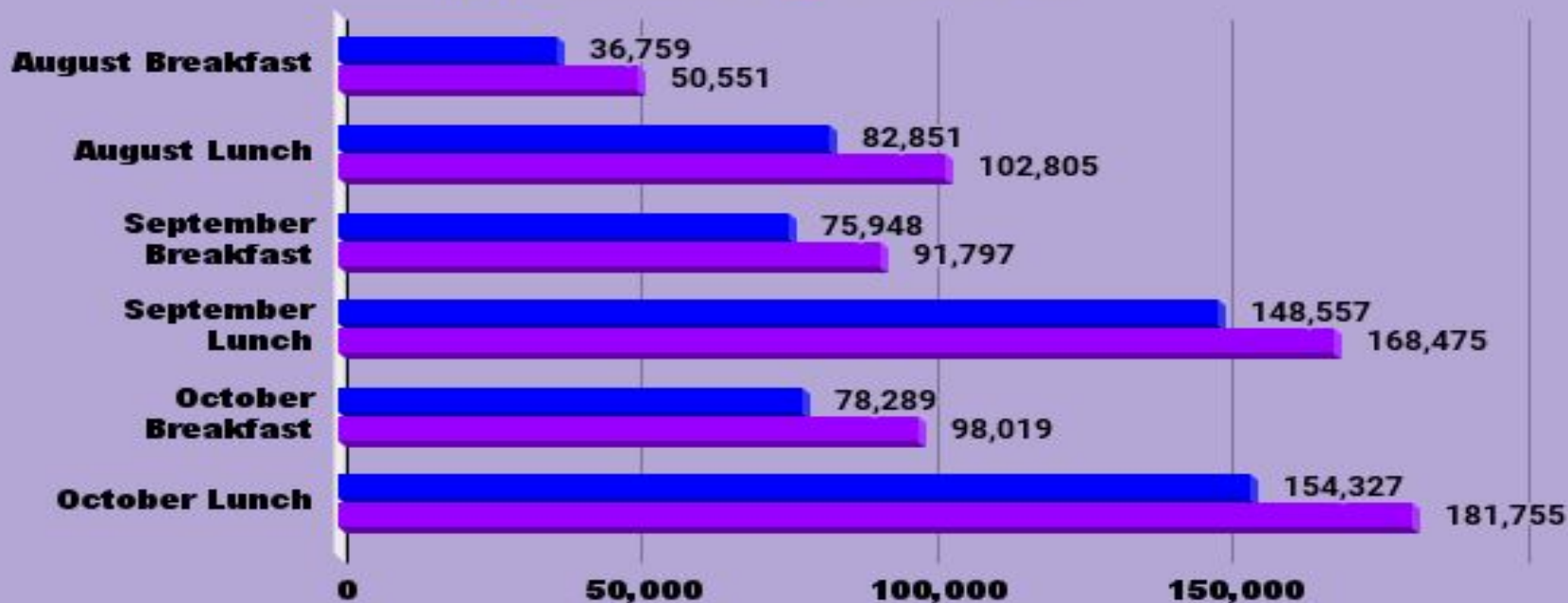
A La Carte items can still be purchased with the student account. No charges allowed for second meals or A La Carte items.

Eliminates uncollected student meal charges.



Student Meal Participation

■ SY 2023-2024 ■ SY 2024-2025





CEP Reimbursement - Through October 2024

■ SY 2023-2024 ■ SY 2024-2025



Continued Progress!



More Students Eating Meals!

We will build on a 20.5% increase in breakfast participation and 14.9% in lunch by continuing to communicate with parents and students and adjust building procedures to make participation more likely.



Fiscally Sound Implementation.

Reimbursements are maximized by strategically combining schools and practicing efficient product ordering. The District reimbursement has exceeded the previous year each month this year.



Menu Variety Tracked and Plated.

The Student Nutrition Department tracks daily participation rates to assess the most popular menu items. This data, and introducing greater variety, promotes increased participation.