

Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Charleston County School District is participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2023 – 2024 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.

Allegro Charter	Harborview Elementary	North Charleston Creative Arts
Angel Oak Elementary	Haut Gap Middle	North Charleston Elementary
Ashley River Elementary	Hunley Park Elementary	North Charleston High
Baptist Hill High	Hursey Elementary	Northwoods Middle
Burke High	James Island Elementary	Oakland Elementary
Camp Road Middle	James Island High	Orange Grove Elementary
Carolina Voyager Charter	James Simons Elementary	Orange Grove Middle
CE Williams Middle (North)	Jane Edwards Elementary	PACE Charter
CE Williams Middle (South)	Jenkins Academy	Pepperhill Elementary
Charleston Development Academy	Ladson Elementary	Pinehurst Elementary
Charleston Math & Science Charter	Lambs Elementary	Sanders Clyde Elementary
Charleston Progressive Academy	Mary Ford Elementary	Simmon-Pinckney Middle
Chicora Elementary	Meeting St. @ Brentwood	Springfield Elementary
Clark Academy	Meeting St. @ Burns	St. Andrews Elementary
Corcoran Elementary	Memminger Elementary	St. James Santee Elementary
Deer Park Middle	Midland Park Primary	St. Johns High
Drayton Hall Elementary	Military Magnet Academy	Stall High
Dunston Elementary	Minnie Hughes Elementary	Stiles Point Elementary
Early College High	Mitchell Elementary	Stono Park Elementary
Ellington Elementary	Montessori Community School	West Ashley Head Start
Frierson Elementary	Morningside Middle	West Ashley High
Goodwin Elementary	Mt. Zion Elementary	Zucker Middle
Greg Mathis Charter	Murray LaSaine Elementary	

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.

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