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<https://ideapublicschools.org/parents/cnp/> for assistance with applying for free or reduced-price school meals. xx

Eligibility Changes

Households may update their meal application throughout the school year by contacting the cafeteria manager or reapplying online (www.schoolcafe.com) if the household has experienced any changes. For example, if the household size increases, changes in income occur, or the household begins to receive SNAP, TANF or other benefits (such as unemployment benefits), the household may update their meal application. Negative balances resulting from eligibility changes for free eligible students are not collected from households by IDEA CNP. IDEA must subsidize the nonprofit school food service account for those meals annually.

Transfer Students & 30-Day Carryover

New students transferring to a non-CEP IDEA school from a Special Provision or CEP district will receive a carryover eligibility of free for the first 30 operating days of enrollment or until a new eligibility determination is made with the submission of a FARM application, whichever comes first.

New Students

New students enrolling in a non-CEP IDEA school who did not transfer from a CEP district, will have a meal status of paid on the first day of school until a FARM application is submitted by the household and processed by IDEA CNP. Cafeteria management will do everything possible to collect a FARM application.

Menu Pricing

Menu pricing for CEP schools and non-CEP schools can be found at <https://ideapublicschools.org/parents/cnp/>. Schools that qualify for CEP for the academic school year offer one free breakfast and one free lunch per day to all students. For students that attend a non-CEP school for the academic school year, lunch meal charges will be based on eligibility determined using information provided by the household on the FARM application. For students eligible for free or reduced-price meals, one free breakfast and one free lunch per day will be provided to the student.

Paid Price Subsidized by IDEA

IDEA will subsidize the nonprofit school food service account for meal charges incurred by paid price eligible students who take reimbursable meals. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to change. CNP will communicate to households any changes.

Reduced-Price Elimination

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address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 202509410; or
2. fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email:
Program.Intake@usda.gov