

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 provides local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools in low-income areas with an alternative approach for operating school meal programs. Instead of collecting individual applications for free and reduced-price meals, the CEP allows LEAs and schools meeting the eligibility requirements to use information from other means-tested programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance Program for Needy Families (TANF).

However, the information that was collected through individual applications for free and reduced price meals was also used to identify students that meet the state's criteria as Economically Disadvantaged.

EPISD receives additional funding from the state to provide supplemental funds to be used to support additional instructional services for students. ***This information is also used as a part of determining how Title I funding is distributed to campuses.*** The school district is required to maintain documentation that supports this identification. This is why EPISD collects information about the household size and income during the registration process for students enrolling at schools designated as CEP campuses.

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