

**Community Eligibility Provision
Frequently Asked Questions
School Year 2022-2023**

The Pflugerville Independent School District (PfISD) will provide free breakfast and lunch to students at no charge for the 2022-2023 school year at the following campuses:

- Delco Elementary School,
- Dessau Elementary School,
- Northwest Elementary School,
- River Oaks Elementary School,
- Ruth Barron Elementary School,
- Dessau Middle School, and
- Westview Middle School.

These seven campuses are now qualified to operate under the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service Community Eligibility Provision, which allows PfISD to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students, eliminating the need for the free and reduced meal application under the National School Lunch Program. PfISD is requesting that families complete our District's Socioeconomic Information Form to ensure accurate reporting for funding and accountability purposes for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) campuses.

What is the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?

NSLP is a federally assisted meal program. It provides nutritionally balanced, reduced-priced or free meals to children each school day. An application is required to determine eligibility.

Our Food and Child Nutrition Department (Aramark) is responsible for the distribution and approval of the NSLP meal application for PfISD.

What is Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)?

CEP is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows districts or schools to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting a NSLP meal application.

Why is a family being asked to complete a District Socioeconomic Information Form?

School districts are required to collect and report the socioeconomic status of each student to Texas Education Agency (TEA) for purposes of the annual state accountability ratings and for federal reporting. Socioeconomic status also determines Title I and State Compensatory Education funding. Information from the NSLP meal application is normally used to determine socioeconomic status. Districts cannot use a NSLP meal application for CEP schools.

Why is my family socioeconomic status important to my student's school or district?

In order for schools to receive Title I and State Compensatory Education funding, socioeconomic status must be submitted to TEA. This funding directly benefits your student's school.

Title I and State Compensatory Education funding can be used to hire personnel, provide tutoring services, order technology, and provide professional development for teachers. We want to continue to provide these necessary learning supports to our CEP campuses. If we do not provide accurate numbers to TEA, our funding may be calculated incorrectly.

Socioeconomic status is also used for state and federal accountability purposes.

Will my Socioeconomic Information Form be shared with the Texas Education Agency (TEA)?

We will not send your socioeconomic information form to TEA. We will also not report income levels indicated on the form. The District will determine economic disadvantage status using the information provided on the form for each student on the CEP campus using guidelines provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture. If a student meets eligibility criteria, the student will be reported as "Other Economic Disadvantaged (99)". Title I and State Compensatory Education funding is determined by the percentage of low socioeconomic status students.

Am I required to complete the Socioeconomic Information Form for my student who attends a CEP campus?

Families are not required to complete the form. The information provided by the family on it will help our CEP campuses and District. All students on a CEP campus will eat for free regardless of submitting a form.

If I have students at other schools, will the Socioeconomic Information Form be sufficient for my other students to eat for free?

Only students enrolled at a CEP campus will eat for free. Students enrolled at other campuses must complete a NSLP meal application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

If my student is eating for free at a CEP campus, do I count my CEP student as part of my household when I complete the NSLP meal application for my other students?

Yes, you will count everyone in your household when completing your NSLP meal application.