



Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students

What Does It Mean for Your School?

Common Questions:

1. What are the offerings for free breakfast and lunch?

- The full menu is available online. All entrees are included in the program. **Students must take a complete meal to qualify for a free meal.**
- Should a student want an additional meal (breakfast or lunch) they will need to pay for the meal at the time. This can be done by having money on account through **MySchoolBucks** or cash in hand. **CHARGING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
- All single items (milk, fruit, snacks, etc.) or a la carte items are not included in the CEP and are not free. These items will also need to be paid for at the time of sale.

2. How will the nutritional value of meals be known?

Aramark is required to meet national school breakfast and lunch nutritional guidelines as set forth by New York State. They are audited to ensure they are following the prescribed guidelines. Information can be obtained through request.

3. How long will Greenburgh CSD have the Community Eligibility Provision?

The provision to provide free breakfast and lunch is for a 4-year period. During the 2026-2027 school year the district will need to reapply for the provision for the next 4-year cycle.

4. Will parents continue to receive a menu for each month? Will this be reliable?

The menus are posted on the district's website each month. Aramark tries to provide the meals as specified in the menus. At times, substitutions are made due to the unavailability of products ordered.

5. If parents do not want their students to have free breakfast, are there any ways for that to be communicated or enforced at the school? For example, last year several students had powdered donuts as a breakfast option, and parents do not always see that as a healthy breakfast.

- If parents do not want their student to have a free meal, they should contact the school and Aramark so the student's account can be flagged.
- Aramark is held to nutritional guidelines in what can and cannot be offered during breakfast and lunch. The donut that was offered met the nutritional guidelines and was similar to a muffin or French toast and is a whole grain product.

6. What are the improvements made through the Aramark contract?

The Aramark contract expires June 30, 2024. During the school year, Aramark representatives have been working with the Nutrition Committee to make improvements to meal and snack options. Under the new CEP the district will receive more USDA food to be used for meals.