

REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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School Food Service Program-Community Eligibility Guidelines

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Every student in the Reynolds School District will be eligible to receive a breakfast and lunch this school year (2015-2016) without charge to you under the "Community Eligibility Provision" or "CEP" program. There are guidelines that the USDA has put in place that the school and students must follow to receive a "free meal". The USDA has categorized food into 5 food components (or groups). The 5 groups consist of: meat or meat alternate, grains, fruit, vegetables, and milk. The school has to offer the students at least 4 groups at breakfast and 5 groups at lunch.

For **Breakfast** a school must offer at least 4 food items from the 3 required food groups (fruits, grains, milk). To receive a breakfast without charge, a student must select 3 food items (including a fruit or vegetable) or may take all 4 items offered. If a student refuses to take at least 3 items, 1 being a fruit or vegetable, they will be charged ala carte prices for the items selected since it will not qualify as a "meal" under CEP guidelines.

At **Lunch** a student must take at least 3 of the 5 food groups in the required quantities of which 1 selection must be at least a fruit or vegetable. Depending on the planned menu, the student may need to select more than 1 food item to have the minimum quantity needed to count for a "free" lunch. If a student does not take the required items to make up a "meal" at lunch, they will be charged ala carte prices for the items selected since it will not qualify under CEP guidelines.

NOTE: Each student in the district is entitled to 1 free breakfast and 1 free lunch per day when school is in session. Any additional food items (such as a double lunch, ala carte items, snack items, and adult lunches) are not included and will need to be purchased on a cash basis. Money can be deposited on a student's account for these "extras" as there will be no charging allowed with this program in place. High school students will be able to purchase a ticket (at breakfast) if they wish to purchase a double main or double lunch. They will then present the ticket to their server at lunch. The Reynolds Elementary School will still sell ice cream on Fridays for **\$.50 cents cash**, ice cream cannot be deducted from their lunch accounts.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 724-646-5603 or email LBrest@reynolds.k12.pa.us.

Sincerely,

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