



Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) Bulletin

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Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Site Level Data

Certified Spring 2025 site level data is at the [School Nutrition Programs CEP Resources page](#) and is now part of your 2026 CNP: Coordinated Application in NexSys. This data is used to apply or reapply for CEP.

Election Deadline

You must notify the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) School Nutrition Programs unit of your intention to participate, or continue participating, in the CEP for the upcoming school year by **June 30, 2025** in the 2026 CNP: Coordinated Application. MDE requires the notification to occur by selecting “yes” to question number 3 and saving the School Nutrition Program Sponsor Details Page. This selection must be made by the deadline, as a late selection cannot be approved. Yes for question number 3 will already be selected for current CEP participants if the application was rolled over correctly.

NexSys Application – CEP Site Selection page instructions

These user guides will walk you through the entire application, including the CEP Site Selection page. The CEP Site Selection page is where CEP site participation, eligibility, grouping, and CEP cycles are managed.

- [NexSys Child Nutrition Coordinated Application \(michigan.gov\)](#)

CEP Frequently Asked Questions

Based on the CEPI spring data, my district or participating sites are at 100% free claiming. How do I apply/reapply with this data?

- CEPI spring data will load into the Coordinated Application in NexSys.
- If you are new to CEP, the page will load with the data once the sites are unlocked.
- If you are reapplying, the data will load when the site/group is unlocked.
- Reapplying will start a new 4-year cycle.
- Nonpublic schools and early childhood buildings that are currently participating do not have CEPI spring data. Contact MDE for how to determine eligibility for these sites.

Based on the CEPI spring data, my district or participating sites are not at 100% free claiming. How do I determine my CEP eligibility?

- CEPI spring data will load into the Coordinated Application in NexSys, and your district may use that to apply for CEP.
- If you have early childhood students to add to sites, or if you believe there are extended eligible students not included in the spring data, MDE can run your district data to verify the site/district eligibility.

How do nonpublic schools apply for CEP?

- Nonpublic schools and early childhood buildings must contact MDE to determine eligibility for these sites.

Education Benefits Form

The CEP Education Benefits Form for SY 2025-2026 are updated and posted to the [CEP Forms & Instructions webpage](#).

CEP Training Opportunities

Topic: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – Returning Sponsors

Date: May 14, 2025

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89351937225>

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Topic: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – New Public-School Sponsors

Date: May 15, 2025

Time: 9 - 9:45 AM

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[SNP: Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) - Overview \(state.mi.us\)](#) - This self-guided course aims to provide you with a strong understanding of Community Eligibility Provision, the benefits of participation, and whether the program is the right choice for your district.

CEP Resources

[MDE CEP Resources](#)

[MDE CEP Forms & Instructions](#)

Questions regarding CEP may be directed to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.

Contact Us

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