

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear BCPS Parent / Guardian:

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and we are excited to see you soon! Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) continues to offer healthy meals every day! During the pandemic, the USDA made it possible for school nutrition programs to serve all students free breakfast and lunch. Congress did not extend this program for the upcoming school year, so meals are no longer available free of charge to all students across the country. However, your child's school **will continue to receive meals free of charge** through the CEP Program.

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a meal service program for schools in economically disadvantaged areas and is a provision of The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act. It allows us to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to students and eliminates the requirement for the Free and Reduced Meal Application. There are eighty-seven schools in our district that have been approved for this program, for the next two years.

Since your child's school is operating under the CEP program, all students receive their meals free of charge and we will not accept or process free and reduced meal applications. If you have students in your household that attend schools outside of the CEP Program, you will still need to complete the meal application, to cover your other student(s).

Please visit [Food and Nutrition Services - Division of Business Services \(bcps.org\)](http://bcps.org) for a full list of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools.

Snacks and Beverages: Although meals will be free of charge this year, there will be snacks and beverages available for purchase. To add funds to your student's account, please visit www.MySchoolBucks.com.

If you have any questions, please call 443-809-7855 or email mealbenefits@bcps.org.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jaime L. Hetzler
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Please visit these links for additional information:

www.MySchoolBucks.com – Fund your student's account for meals, snacks, and beverages

www.BCPS.org - Scroll down and click on Food and Nutrition Services (center of the page)

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