



# Muscofee County School District

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**School Nutrition Program Participates in Community Eligibility Option  
 Free Meals for Eligible Schools**

**(Columbus, GA)**-Muscofee County School District plans to implement the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) for Free Meal Reimbursement for the 2013-2014 school year. CEO allows a school district, a group of schools, or a single school to offer meals at no charge to all students.

“I am excited that we will be able to better serve the children in our community,” said School Nutrition Director, Marion Bone. “Twenty-eight schools will be participating in this program.”

The CEO eligible school list includes:

Baker Middle School	Johnson Elementary
Brewer Elementary	Jordan High
Carver High	Kendrick High
Cusseta Road Elementary	Key Elementary
Davis Elementary	Lonnie Jackson/Rothschild
Dawson Elementary	MLK Elementary
Dimon Elementary	Muscofee Elementary
Downtown Elementary	Rigdon Road Elementary
East Columbus Middle	South Columbus Elem.
Eddy Middle	Saint Mary's Elementary
Edgewood Middle	Spencer High
Forrest Road Elementary	Thirtieth Avenue
Fox Elementary	Wesley Heights Elementary
Georgetown Elementary	
Hannan Elementary	

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The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 includes the implementation of CEO to insure that every student in low-income neighborhoods can participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). A school must have 53 percent or more of its students eligible for free meals based on direct certification in Muscogee County School District.

Participation in CEO can help eliminate the need for meal applications and help reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications at the eligible schools. Parents of children who attend schools that are not on the eligible school list will need to complete a free or reduced meal application prior to the start of the school year to determine eligibility.

Georgia is one of 11 states selected to pilot the innovative program. CEO will be available to the entire country in school year 2015.

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