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Expansion of Eligible CEP Schools Means More *Free* Meals for Students

(**Columbus, GA**)-The Muscofee County School District (MCSD) expands the number of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools for the 2016-2017 school year from 26 to **38** schools. CEP is a provision established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, which allows all children who attend a CEP school to eat *breakfast* and *lunch* at no charge.

CEP eligible schools must have at least 40% of students directly certified by the State of Georgia as a homeless child, a foster child, a recipient of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). In addition, 40% of the students identified who are eligible can be calculated by individual school, groups of schools or the entire district. Groups of schools can be any combination of schools in the district. The students who are eligible are based on data as of April 1 for the previous school year.

There are 15 MCSD schools that are non-CEP schools (Aaron Cohn Middle School, Blackmon Road Middle School, Blanchard Elementary School, Britt David Magnet Academy, Clubview Elementary School, Columbus High School, Double Churches Elementary School, Eagle Ridge Academy, Mathews Elementary School, Midland Academy, Midland Middle School, North Columbus Elementary School, Northside High School, Shaw High School, and Veterans Memorial Middle School). Parents of students who attend *non-CEP* schools may complete an application for free and reduced meals to determine eligibility.

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2016-2017 Meal Prices

Elementary Schools	Breakfast \$.95	Lunch \$2.25
Middle Schools and High Schools	Breakfast \$1.20	Lunch \$2.50

Parents or legal guardians who have an outstanding balance for their child's meals for the previous year should contact the school nutrition manager at the school to pay the balance in-full before the first day of school for the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information on [CEP](#), access the Georgia Department of Education site, www.gadoe.org or contact communications@muscogee.k12.ga.us.

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