

Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Information

Odyssey Charter School, Inc. is pleased to announce that we, as the Local Educational Agency (LEA), will participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) providing meals, regardless of eligibility category, at NO CHARGE for all students at all schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program. CEP serves breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminates the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price and paid student meals. CEP is made possible through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Special Assistance Certification and Reimbursement Community Eligibility Provision. This new approach reduces the burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

If you have any questions regarding Community Eligibility Provision or the school food program, please contact Cindy Chapman, Food Service Director, at 321-733-0442, ext. 113, or <u>chapmanc@odysseycharterschool.com</u>.

What is CEP — Community Eligibility Provision?

The federal Community Eligibility Provision allows eligible schools to provide meals free to all enrolled students.

How are schools selected?

Schools are selected based on the percentage of directly certified students attending each school. Currently, the following are CEP schools:

- Odyssey Charter School (Elementary/K-5)
- Odyssey Charter School (Jr/Sr High/6-12)
- Odyssey Preparatory Academy (K-5)

What is a "directly certified" (DC) student?

Students may be directly certified when they receive certain federal benefits including SNAP, Medicaid and TANF. Students identified by the district as homeless, foster, Head Start, migrant or runaways also are considered directly certified.