

Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Anderson School District 5 is pleased to announce their participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in select schools for the 2017-18 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759 a(a)(1))(the law) provides schools with a high percentage of low-income students, the ability to provide free breakfast and lunch meals to all students within the school. Families with students who attend one of the schools listed below do not need to complete a free and reduced meal application. Families with students who attend a school that is not listed below, will need to complete a free and reduced meal application to receive meal benefits.

Anderson School District 5 – CEP Schools:

Homeland Park Elementary, Nevitt Forest Elementary, New Prospect Elementary, Robert Anderson Middle, South Fant Early Education, Varennes Elementary, West Market Early Education, Whitehall Elementary and Calhoun.

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

For more information about the CEP programs in Anderson School District 5, or for parents or guardians who do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with:

Anderson 5 - Sharon Hunt, Director of Food and Nutrition Services at 864-260-5000

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to:

**Anderson 5 - Wess Grant, Chief Operating Officer - 400 Pearman Dairy Road, Anderson SC 29625
(864-260-5000)**

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The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

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