

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Creates Hunger-Free Schools in Maryland

Let's Build on Success

CEP is a federally funded program that allows schools in low-income areas to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students.

State lawmakers should reauthorize and update The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015, which is set to expire this year, to preserve recent gains made.

Who Benefits

Students



Access to free nutritious meals, no stigma, improved attendance, concentration, comprehension, & alertness

Parents



No household application means less paperwork & no worries about lunch accounts

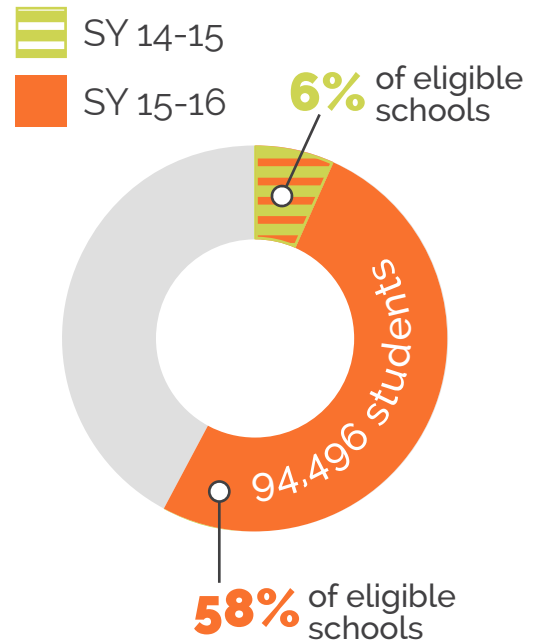
School Staff & Administrators



Reduced paperwork & administrative costs, improved classroom environment & student attention spans, fewer disciplinary referrals, & higher graduation rates

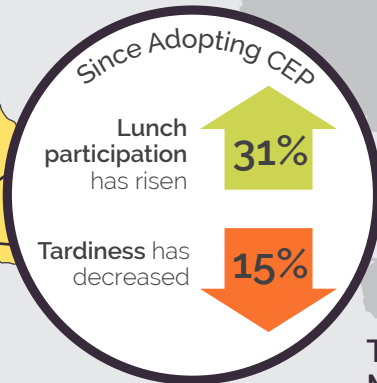
CEP Adoption is Growing in MD Schools

Percentage of Eligible MD Schools that Have Adopted CEP

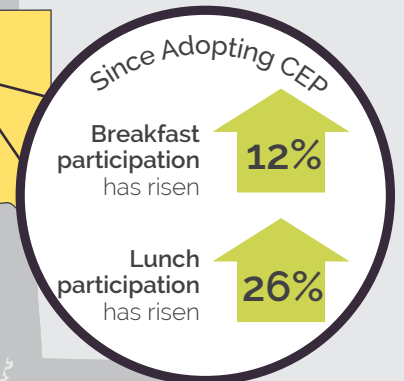


A Glance at What's Working

Somerset County



Baltimore City



There are **229** Hunger-Free Schools across Maryland in the current School Year (2016-17)