

Letter to Household, Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Merkel ISD

07/29/2024

Dear *parent or guardian*:

We are pleased to inform you that *Merkel ISD is implementing CEP* will be implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School Year 2024-2025. In CEP schools, applications are no longer required.

Schools that participate in CEP provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for ALL students enrolled in that CEP school during the *{insert school year, i.e., 2017-2018}* School Year.

If you need more information, please contact us at

Brin Reed Child Nutrition Director
1602 S. 5th St Merkel, Tx
325-928-4795

Sincerely,

Brin Reed

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