



Free Meal by CEP/

Paper Application

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	Free Meal by CEP/ Head Start/ Waiver	Free Meal by Direct Certification	130% Poverty Guidelines	185% Poverty Guidelines	Free and Reduced Total	All

Name	School Program	Note	Paper Application										
			Free Meal by CEP/ Head Start/ Waiver		Free Meal by Direct Certification		130% Poverty Guidelines		185% Poverty Guidelines		Free and Reduced Total		All Students
			#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
PCC	P.C.C. H.S. Completion				30	19.7%	1	0.7%			31	20.4%	152
	P.C.C. YES!				60	34.1%	2	1.1%			62	35.2%	176
PCC Total					90	27.4%	3	0.9%			93	28.4%	328
Rosemary Anderson	Rosemary Anderson H.S. - Lents												
	Rosemary Anderson H.S. - New Columbia				38	59.4%	2						

Portland Public Schools Free Meal Eligibility (2022-23 SY)

2022-2023

This report shows how many students are eligible for free meals. The enrollment data is as of October 3rd, whereas the counts and percentages of students eligible for free meals reflect updates through November.

The federal government provides funds for student breakfasts and lunches through the National School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program, respectively. Breakfasts and lunches are available to all students at a site based on two reasons (See Note column):

1. High poverty schools are labeled Community Eligibility Provisioning (CEP) schools. Through CEP, the federal government provides free meals to all students, including students who would not normally qualify for free meals. At CEP schools all students eat for free and therefore paper applications are not collected.
2. Head Start Pre-K is only available to students from low-income families, and all students are meal eligible.

Free Meal by Direct Certification % is the percent of total students who receive free meals through Direct Certification. Direct Certification status is determined by state agencies and shared electronically with school districts. Students or families qualify for Direct Certification through a number of avenues such as eligibility for SNAP or TANF, Migrant Ed, or foster care.

Paper applications, supplied voluntarily by families, are used to determine students who can receive free or reduced priced meals based on the families income. The federal government provides free meals to families whose income is at or below 130% of the federal poverty level and reduced priced meals to families whose income is at or below 185% of the poverty level. Additionally, starting in 2015-16, the state of Oregon provides additional funding so all students living at 185% of the poverty level can eat for free. The USDA provides funds for the reduced priced meal and the state of Oregon covers the co-pay that would normally be charged to families.

The overall free meal percentage shows how many students can eat for free. This metric is not comparable across schools because paper applications are voluntary and CEP schools and Head Start do not collect paper applications.

For more information about CEP please see this website: <http://www.pps.net/Page/2088>

Federal income guidelines for 130% and 185% poverty for each school year can be found here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>.

Note: Data is not displayed in any of the individual student eligibility columns when the overall school/program enrollment is less than 11.