



AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FREE MEALS TO ACS STUDENTS

AKRON, NEW YORK (August 26, 2024) – Akron Schools is pleased to inform parents of the continuation of the meal certification option available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2024-2025.

All students enrolled at Akron Central Schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at **no charge** to the household each day of the 2024-2025 school year. No further action is required of parents. District children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

However, the Akron Central School District is asking all families to fill out the Household Income Eligibility form to determine eligibility for additional State and federal program benefits that their child(ren) may qualify for. (Fee waiver programs exist for eligible New York State students for ACT, Advanced Placement (AP) Exams, International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams, and SAT.) This information is confidential and will only be used for routine data reporting. By completing the form, families will be helping to secure funding that directly impacts all Akron Schools students in grades K-12. The form is available on the school's website at www.akronschools.org/HIE and was included in the Back to School newsletter mailed to all households in the District.

It should be noted that any second meal or ala carte items purchased through the school's Food Service Department are not covered by the CEP provision and remain the responsibility of each family.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Kathleen Rybarczyk, Cook Manager, at (716)542-5027 or krybarczyk@akronk12.org.

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