

August 18, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that for the 2022-2023 academic school year, Norfolk Public Schools is implementing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The option is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs that meet eligibility requirements. NPS will be able to cover every school in the division under the option.

What does this mean for you and your children?

It's great news! All enrolled students attending a Norfolk public school are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch, **free of charge**, at school each instructional day of this coming school year. No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application.

If you have questions or need help, please contact the Office of School Nutrition by emailing <u>schoolnutrition@nps.k12.va.us</u>, or by calling (757) 628-2760.

Sincerely,

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