

ZENITH ACADEMY SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT, 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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Zenith Academy Schools remains committed to providing meals to all students for free, regardless of their income, as part of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) initiative. For the 2023-2024 academic year, Zenith Academy Schools has announced National School Lunch (NSL) and School Breakfast (SB) Program for all students eligible for free meals policy, which can be reviewed by interested parties.

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas. CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students.

Generally, households' complete application for the program and submits them to Zenith Academy Schools superintendent/management. Applications are submitted and signed by parents and then cross-examined by the school to determine eligibility. The criteria for families is based on Federal Income under CEP guideline which proposes annual income to be at or below the guideline. However, households may have to file or report to school authorities of any changes related to their benefits such as income, unemployment, among other issues as it may affect their free or reduced-price meals benefits. One of CEP policy objectives is to ensure students food dietary/nutritional requirement are met

The information provided on the applications are confidential and will only be used for its intended purpose to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program official. Misrepresentation of information by applicant(s) will be prosecuted under applicable state and federal laws.

All correspondence including concerns/complaints should be addressed to:

Zenith Academy Schools
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Columbus, Ohio, 43229

Or via electronic mailing at:
zenith@zenithacademy.org

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

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