

Top Ten

Reasons to Adopt Community Eligibility

- 1 Make the cafeteria the hot spot-** Meal participation increases in schools using community eligibility
- 2 Stop pushing paper-**Community eligibility eliminates meal applications
- 3 Be an innovator-**Community eligibility increases breakfast participation and makes it easier to offer breakfast after the bell
- 4 Eliminate collections-**Without fees, you won't have unpaid balances
- 5 Reduce teen angst-**When all students eat at no charge, students worry less about being stigmatized for eating a school meal
- 6 Impress your accountants-**When more students eat, you can achieve economies of scale and the cost per meal decreases
- 7 Get gold stars from teachers-**Increases in breakfast participation are associated with decreases in discipline referrals, visits to school nurses, and tardiness
- 8 Give parents peace of mind-**Parents know that their children can get two healthy meals each day
- 9 Be part of something #trending-**After two years of nationwide implementation, more than 18,000 schools with more than 8.5 million students offer community eligibility
- 10 Make your school hunger free –** Community eligibility ensures children get the meals they need to grow, learn, and thrive