

Special Assistance Alternative Community Eligibility Provision
PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

By participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and eliminating the need for meal applications, **Thomas County Schools** reduce administrative and printing costs. Families also benefit from the elimination of completing and submitting meal applications.

Children need healthy meals to learn. **Thomas County Schools** offers healthy meals every school day at no charge to your child(ren). Our food service receives support from the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

The following schools will be participating in this alternative provision and provide meals at no charge to children:

Hand in Hand Primary
Garrison Pilcher Elementary
Cross Creek Elementary
Thomas County Middle School

Thomas County Central High School
Bishop Hall Charter School
The Renaissance Center
Pathways Educational Program

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 Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
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