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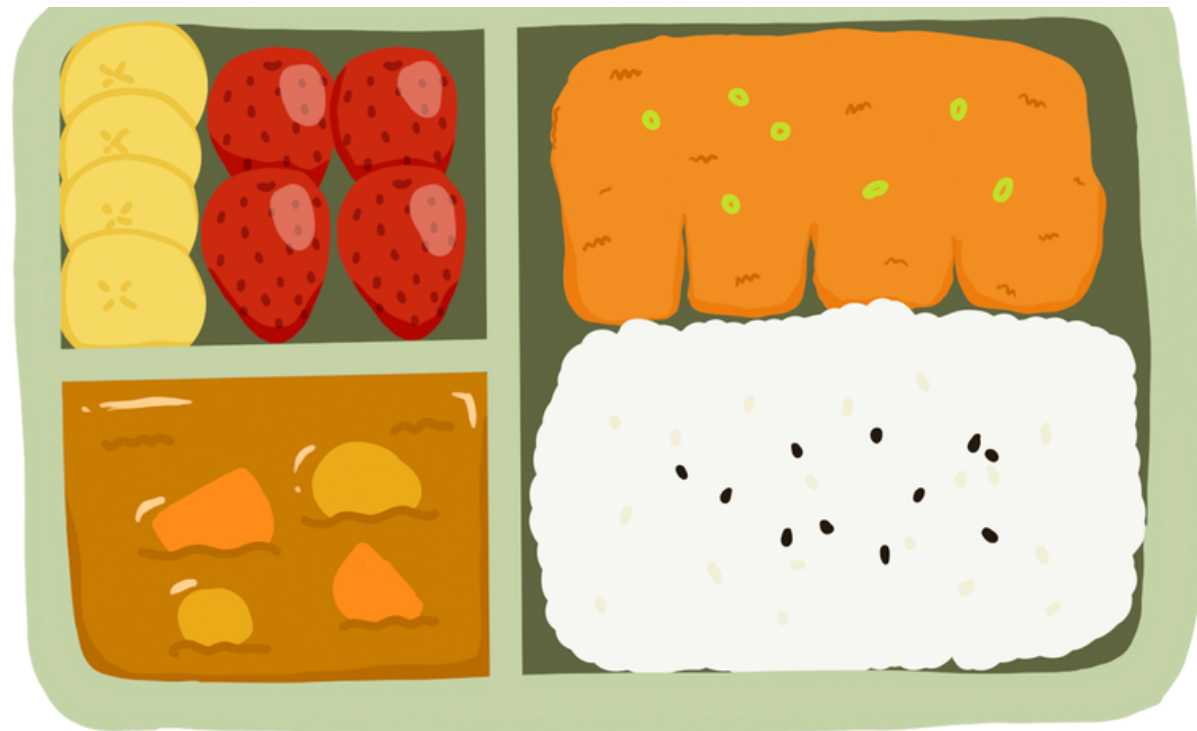
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN STAMFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

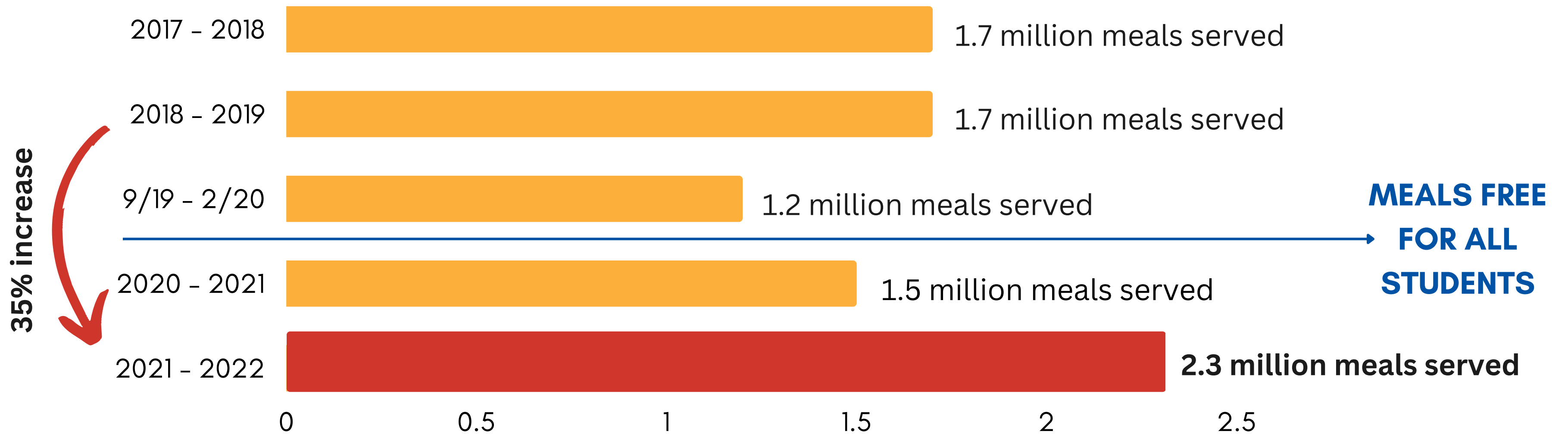
Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)



**Non-pricing meal service option
for schools and school districts in
low income areas**




SPS MEAL PARTICIPATION

Meals Served (Breakfast & Lunch) by SPS between 2017 and 2022








WHY FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Childhood food insecurity negatively impacts:

-  Physical & mental health
-  Cognitive function
-  Academic performance

Providing school meals at no cost to students:

-  Greatly improves food security for all students
-  Fosters student success
-  Promotes equity
-  Provides time & cost savings to families
-  Provides time & cost savings to the district...

...which can be reinvested into school meal programs, further contributing to food security and student success.

STAMFORD HOUSEHOLD INCOME SURVEY

Stamford Public Schools
 888 Washington Blvd., 3rd Floor
 Stamford, CT 06901
 Attn: Audrey Way
 203 977 1177

HOUSEHOLD INCOME SURVEY

- This form is NOT a school meal application
- Stamford Public Schools collects household income data in order to understand district demographics, and to support families who wish to prove eligibility for discounts for camps, exams, or other services where such discounts apply

INCOME GUIDELINES Guidelines to be effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Number of persons in family or household size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$1,048	\$967	\$483
2	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	651
3	42,606	3,551	1,776	1,639	819
4	51,338	4,279	2,140	1,975	987
5	60,070	5,006	2,503	2,311	1,155
6	68,802	5,734	2,867	2,647	1,323
7	77,534	6,462	3,231	2,983	1,491
8	86,266	7,189	3,594	3,319	1,659
Each additional member add	+8,732				

If any member of your household receives food stamps, please provide the name of the household member and then proceed to Section 4. If no one receives food stamps, please check the box below.

Name: _____

Español



English

In lieu of the typical School Meals Application, families can fill out the Stamford Household Income Survey to access:



School Funding



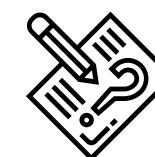
Sports & Camps



Internet Access



College Application Fees



AP Tests



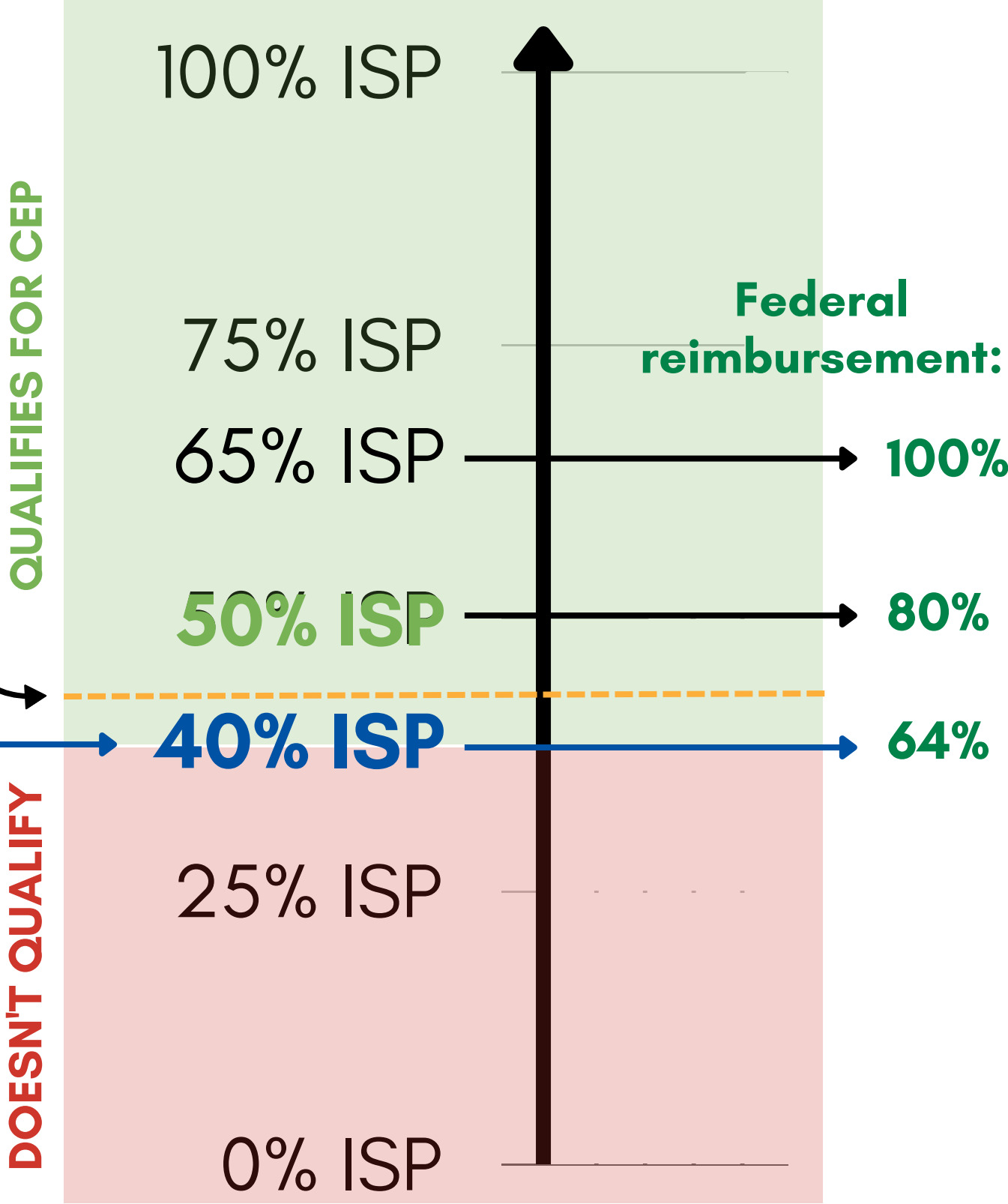
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WHY SNAP & HUSKY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Identified Student Percentage (ISP) =
Percent of student population identified as eligible for free or reduced price school meals

SPS, as of Aug. '22:
~41% ISP

Minimum ISP to qualify for CEP



Direct certification through means-tested programs:

BECOME A



SNAP

OR

**HUSKY
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MESSENGER!

Attend an upcoming training to learn about:

- Program basics
- Application process
- Eligibility (by income, by citizenship status)
- Common myths & misconceptions
- Local resources for information & assistance
- Frequently asked questions

Upcoming SNAP trainings:

English: Wednesday, April 12th, 1-2pm on Zoom

Spanish: Thursday, April 25th, 11am-12pm on Zoom

Upcoming HUSKY training:

Spanish: Thursday, May 11th, 10am-11am on Zoom

Visit the website to register for the sessions on Zoom, view resources, and stay up-to-date on upcoming events:

www.stamfordcradletocareer.org/food-for-thought/



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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SNAP



Eligibility thresholds increased on **October 1, 2022.**

Household Size	Gross* Monthly Income Limit	Net** Monthly Income Limit	Gross* Annual Income Limit	Maximum Possible SNAP Benefit
1	\$2,265	\$1,133	\$27,180	\$281 monthly
2	\$3,052	\$1,526	\$36,624	\$516 monthly
3	\$3,838	\$1,920	\$46,056	\$740 monthly
4	\$4,625	\$2,313	\$55,500	\$939 monthly
5	\$5,412	\$2,706	\$64,944	\$1,116 monthly
6	\$6,198	\$3,100	\$74,376	\$1,339 monthly

Additional "emergency allotments" that households had been receiving monthly since 2020 ended at the end of February 2023.

For more information, call the



confidential hotline:

(866) 974-SNAP (7627)

Monday - Friday: 8am - 8pm
Saturday & Sunday: 9am - 5pm

EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR



ELIGIBLE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2023:

- Connecticut residents who are **not U.S. citizens** but are **under the age of 13**
- All children under 18 who enrolled in HUSKY A or B by **at least one day prior to turning 13**
- Undocumented mothers, **for pre- and post-natal care**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

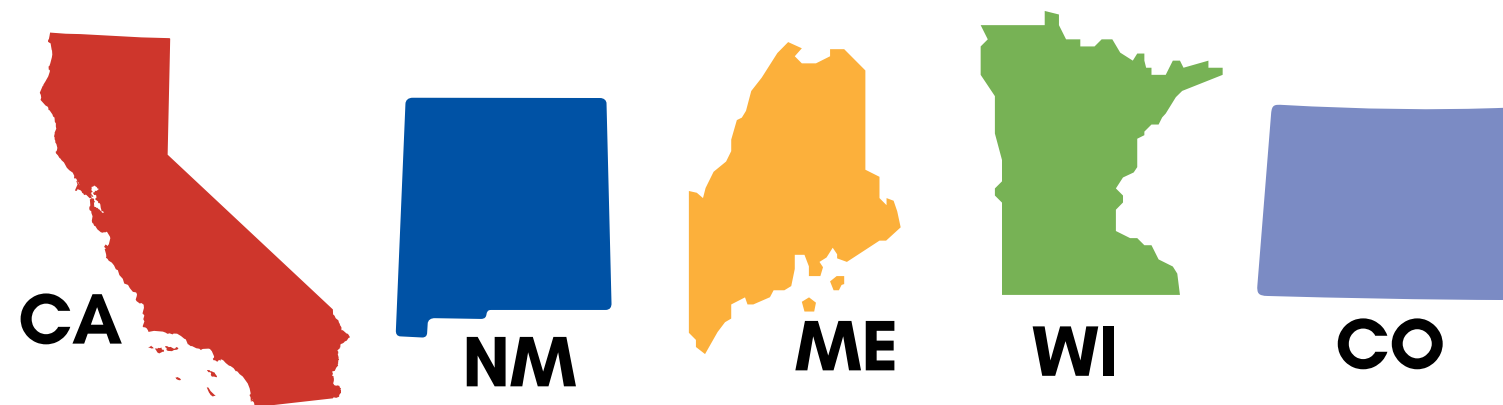
- Visit the DSS Portal at ct.gov/hh
- Call Access Health CT at **1-855-805-4325**
- Visit the Stamford DSS Field Office at **1642 Bedford Street**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL CT KIDS



**SCHOOL
MEALS
4 ALL CT**

- **\$60M** emergency certification for March–June 2023
- **50%+** ALICE earn too much to qualify for food support, such as free and reduced-price school meals and SNAP
- **Permanent No Cost School Meals:**



Cost Concerns

- Every dollar invested in providing healthy meals for students leads to at least \$2 in health, economic, equity, and environmental benefits
- Towns that do not participate in National School Meal Programs will not be eligible for no-cost school meals funding

Interested in getting involved? Let us know!



SNAP IN SCHOOLS

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Goal: Increase SNAP awareness and encourage enrollment amongst families with school-aged children

Strategies (April 2023 – June 2024)

- Direct family engagement in community settings
- Integration with full-service community schools initiative at Dolan and Rippowam
- Community partner food insecurity screenings and EHC! SNAP Prescreener assistance

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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