

No Cost Breakfast And Lunch Program Expanded Up Through Eighth Grade

Beginning in September, all Universal Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade students in the Newark Central School District will be eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge.

This largely, federally-funded program was offered during the 2015-16 school year at just the elementary level because the NCS D qualified for funding supplied by the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch and National School Breakfast programs.

The allocation was increased for 2016-17 _ allowing the school district to be able to include sixth, seventh and eighth grade students _ because the NCS D met income eligibility requirements.

While students who want to begin participating in the program are not required to do anything, their parents or guardians are being asked to fill out an income information form that they will receive in the mail.

Continuance of this program, and others, will depend on the information being received by the federal government.

Since funding has not yet been approved to offer breakfasts and lunches at no cost to students in grades 9-12, adults in their household must fill out a Free and Reduced Meal application that will be used to determine if these students qualify for free and reduced priced breakfasts and lunches.

