

OSPI School Meal Programs Reference Sheet

Carryover and Transfer for Provision Schools

Students in transition between a school that participates in Provision 2 or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) can continue to have access to meals at no cost while student eligibility is being determined. Carryover and transition periods allow for uninterrupted meal service and prevent meal charges.

Requirements

- **Carryover:** The first 30 operating days of the new school year or until a new eligibility determination has been made.

Within an LEA	Between LEAs
LEAs may permit children moving within an LEA to receive meals at no cost for up to 30 operating days or until a new eligibility determination has been made, whichever comes first. Meals served to students during the carryover period may be claimed at the free rate.	LEAs may permit children moving between LEAs to receive meals at no cost for up to 30 operating days or until a new eligibility determination has been made, whichever comes first. Meals served during the carryover period may be claimed at the free rate.

- **Transfer:** When a student transitions to a new school during the school year.

Within an LEA	Between LEAs
Children transferring must receive meals at no cost for up to 10 operating days or until a new eligibility determination has been made, whichever comes first. LEAs may permit transferring children to receive meals at no cost for up to 30 operating days. These meals may be claimed at the free rate.	Schools must provide children transferring from Provision schools, meals at no cost for up to 10 operating days or until a new eligibility determination has been made, whichever comes first. LEAs may permit transfer students to receive meals at no cost for up to 30 operating days. These meals may be claimed at the free rate.

- Schools must ensure adequate internal controls are in place.
 - To track 10 operating day period for transfer students.
 - If implemented, to track 30-day operating period for transfer students.
- Use of CEDARS appendix X code 26 may be used in LEA meal counting system.



Reference

- [SP 30-2019: Requirements for Students Transferring from Provision to Non-Provision Schools](#)
- [SP 09-2024: Community Eligibility Provision: Guidance and Updated Q&As](#)

Resources

- [Community Eligibility Provision: Planning and Implementation Guidance](#)
- [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#)

Acronym Reference

- CEDARS – Comprehensive Education Data and Research System
- CEP – Community Eligibility Provision
- LEA – Local Education Agency
- OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USDA – United States Department of Agriculture