

MEDIA RELEASE 2024-2025

POLICY FOR PROVIDING FREE MEALS FOR SCHOOL DIVISIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) FOR ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DIVISION (Division-wide)

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Hampton City Schools today announced its policy for providing meals at no cost to all children served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The Office of Food Nutrition Services has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

All schools in the division will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) as implemented under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Enrolled students will be provided a nutritious meal for breakfast and lunch each day at no charge to the household.

Households will not be required to submit a meal application form to receive meals at no charge. To request a letter informing you of the program can be found on our website at <u>www.hampton.k12.va.us</u>, including contact information for any questions.

Any questions can be directed to:

Hampton City Schools Food & Nutrition Services Patriot Operations Center 1589 Wingfield Drive Hampton 23666 757-727-2350

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