
Community Eligibility Provision Notice of Direct Certification - FREE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

New Heights Charter School of Brockton is pleased to announce our participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program. As a **district-wide CEP school**, all of our students have access to breakfast and lunch at **no cost**. This special provision means that families are no longer required to complete a meal benefit application.

School districts are still required to conduct Direct Certification and notify households of the results. This notification is to let you know that your child has qualified for free meals based on Direct Certification.

The child(ren) listed below will receive free meals at school. Students are eligible if they:

- receive MA SNAP, MA TAFDC or
- receive Medicaid AND has a family income as measured by the Medicaid Program that does not exceed NSLP income guidelines or
- live in a household with a child that receives Medicaid AND has a family income as measured by the Medicaid Program that does not exceed NSLP income guidelines

If there are other children in your household who aren't listed, they also qualify for free meals.

If you are not receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and have been approved for free school meals, you may be eligible for SNAP which provides monthly financial assistance to purchase groceries to Massachusetts residents who qualify. Find out if you are eligible for SNAP today by calling Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 and a counselor can help you apply over the phone. You can also apply on your own online at DTA Connect:

<https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/apply>

Name of Child	Name of School

Please contact Delroy Dennis at +1 (508) 857-5721 or ddennis@nhcsb.org if there are other children in your household who are not listed above and you would like them to be qualified for free meals. If you should have any additional questions, please contact us.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Delroy Dennis
Director of Operations & Nutrition
New Heights Charter School of Brockton

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination

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Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. **mail:**
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
program.intake@usda.gov

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