

Anderson School District 3
Public Media Release
Community Eligibility Provision

Effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

Anderson School District Three is pleased to announce that our elementary schools, to include Flat Rock Elementary, Starr Elementary and Iva Elementary, will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2016-17 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1))(the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. **All students enrolled in an Anderson School District Three Elementary school may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families with students in one of the three elementary schools will not have to fill out meal applications. Families with children in both elementary and secondary or secondary schools alone, must complete a meal application to receive meal application benefits for the secondary students.**

Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs.

You may contact the Anderson Three District Office at 348-6196 for additional information.

Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with either Julie Peles, Nutrition Services Director or Robin Horne, Nutrition Services Specialist with Anderson 3 on an informal basis.

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Kathy Hipp, Anderson School District 3 Superintendent, at PO Box 118, Iva, SC 29655 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. "In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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