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Meals Count

TOOLS TO OPTIMIZE CEP GROUPING & FUNDING

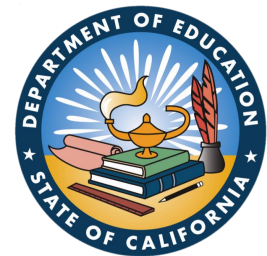
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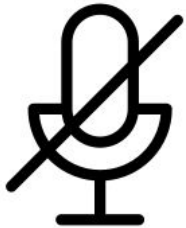
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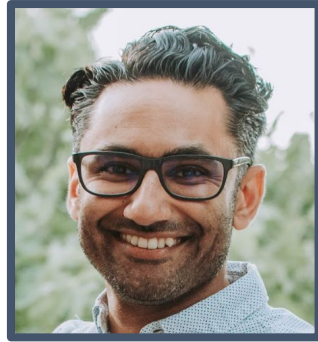
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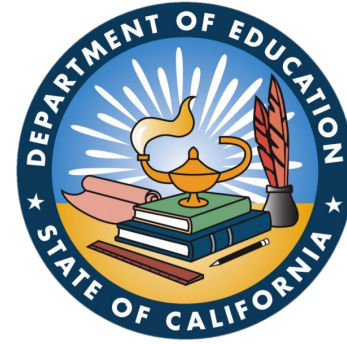
Program

- CEP Overview
- Tour: Meals Count Grouping Calculator
- CEP Financial Calculator
- Question & Answer Session

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Community Eligibility Provision 101

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What is CEP?

- 4 year reimbursement option for high poverty LEAs and Schools
- Free Breakfast **and** Lunch for **all** students





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CEP Eligibility

- **Identified Student Percentage (ISP)** of at least 40%
- Serve **both** breakfast and lunch at no cost
- History of implementing the school nutrition programs in compliance with regulations





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ISP Determination (1)

$$\text{ISP} = \frac{\text{Number of students Directly Certified for Free Meals}}{\text{Number of Students Enrolled}}$$

Directly certified includes: CalFresh, CalWorks, Medi-Cal Free, FDPIR, homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, and head start





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ISP Determination (2)

- Use data from **anytime between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021**
- Pull enrollment and direct certification data at the same time

Save CALPADS list in original .txt file format





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Direct Certification Best Practices (1)

- CALPADS:
 - CalFresh
 - CalWorks
 - Medical Free
 - Foster



- Recommend **monthly** reports

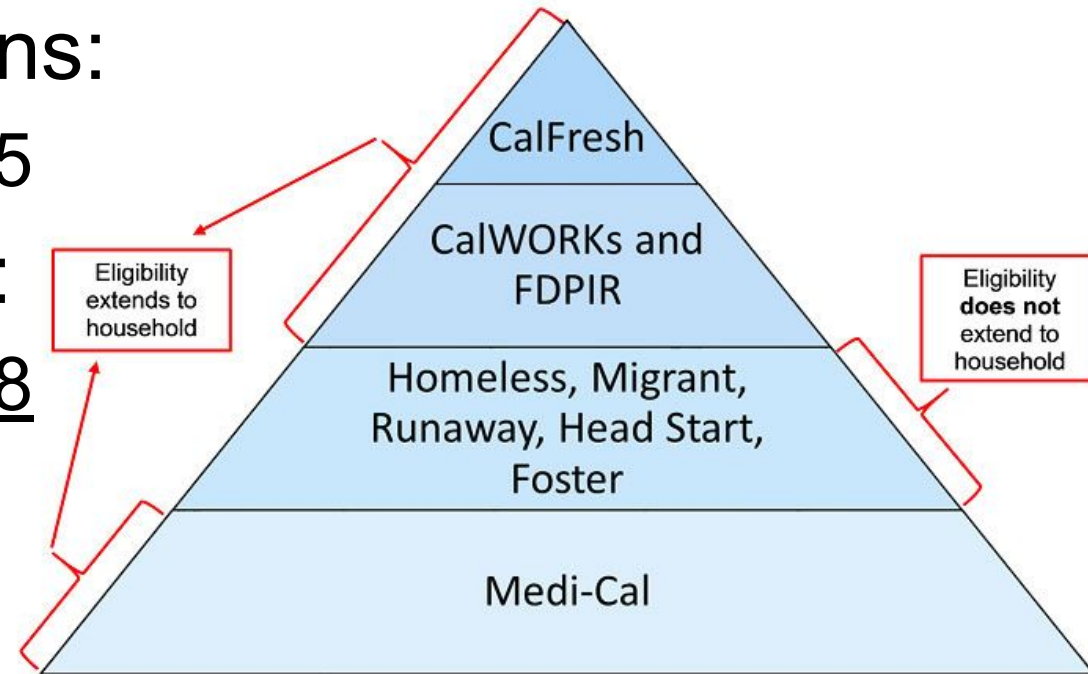




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Direct Certification Best Practices (2)

- Local County for CalFresh, CalWorks, Foster:
 - www.cde.ca.gov/494543
- Local Homeless Liasons:
 - www.cde.ca.gov/500055
- Local Migrant Liaisons:
 - www.cde.ca.gov/497938





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Grouping Sites

- Maximize ISP by grouping school sites strategically
- Each group establishes its own ISP





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Reimbursement (1)

- $\text{ISP} \times 1.6 = \text{meals claimed at free rate}$
- Remaining meals claimed at paid rate

Example: ISP of 55%

- $55\% \times 1.6 = \mathbf{88\%}$ of meals claimed at free rate
- $100\% - 88\% = \mathbf{12\%}$ of meals claimed at paid rate





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Reimbursement (2)

- ISP will never decrease
- May re-apply for higher ISP
- Non-federal funds to cover cost difference





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CEP Benefits

- Reduced administrative burden
- Simplified meal counting and claiming
- Equity among students
- Elimination of meal debt
- Potential increase in participation and program revenue





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CEP Application

- Applications due **September 30, 2021**
- Review CDE MB SNP-03 2019
 - www.cde.ca.gov/494322
- Contact your SNP Program Specialist





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CEP Application Documents

- **SNP 71:** CEP Application Checklist
- **SNP 19:** Meal Count and Collection Procedures
- **SNP 55:** Identified Students
- Source Documentation: CALPADS extracts, local county lists, liaison lists

Send an email to CEP@cde.ca.gov once all forms and documents are uploaded





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CEP Validation

- ISP validated at time of application
- Completed via desk audit
- No additional ISP review during Administrative Review





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CEP Resources

- CDE CEP Webpage:
 - www.cde.ca.gov/503116
- CDE Course Catalog CEP Training:
 - www.cde.ca.gov/475610
- School Nutrition Program Specialists
 - CNIPS Form Caseload ID





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Maximize your CEP Funding
with Meals Count

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San Diegans who believe data and technology can better serve citizens, sparking a more vibrant democracy and civic life. We treasure our communities and work together to bolster our public experience. We are a brigade of the national, non-partisan Code for America, leveraging their resources, but keenly focused on our improving local issues here at home.

California should be a place where everyone has the food they need to thrive. Our team leads statewide advocacy efforts to end hunger, disrupt poverty, and ensure that all Californians are well nourished.

San Diego Hunger Coalition leads coordinated action to end hunger in San Diego County supported by research, education, and advocacy.

No child should go hungry in a nation as wealthy as ours. But millions of kids are living with hunger right now because of the pandemic. No Kid Hungry is working to strengthen the public nutrition programs that connect kids with the healthy food they deserve.

Meals Count is driven by an [open source software](#) application that **automatically calculates optimal school groupings** for the purposes of CEP, eliminating the need for time-consuming, often-overwhelming manual calculations.



Meals Count as an Advocacy Tool

“I am reaching out to see if you’re interested in moving more schools over to CEP.”

I have already crunched some numbers using Meals Count ...and came up with 2 grouping options...”

CEP Application for School Year 2021-22

Ashley Jeznach <ashley@sdhunger.org> Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 4:38 PM

To: vscimone@guhdsd.net; Cc: Amanda Mascia

Attachments: CEP ✓ To-Do Check... (209.5 KB), Grossmont Union Hi... (262.7 KB)

Download All Preview All

Good afternoon, Vince!

As you know I've been collecting information on San Diego school districts and communicating with fellow nutrition service directors like yourself! I have noticed that Grossmont currently has 3 sites participating in CEP at a 94.65% reimbursement rate and that you have 4 near-eligible sites.

I am reaching out to see if you're interested in moving more schools over to CEP. I would love to provide you with some technical assistance and other resources to help you throughout the process 😊 I have already crunched some numbers using Meals Count for you and came up with 2 grouping options for you. I have attached a spreadsheet with more information than you do now. If you are interested, they are attached.

As you may know, the pressing part of this process is extended as we had hoped and it remains at a deadline.

I have attached a CEP deadlines checklist for you to keep track of much extra you have done this past year and know this process. Please reach out to me if there are any other questions/comments.

Best,
Ashley Jeznach

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Grossmont Union High School District Potential CEP Groupings

1. Grouping Option #1 with 40.45% ISP and 64.74 reimbursement

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Severe Need	Included In Optimization	Estimated School CEP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1	3768130370559	Chaparral High	n/a	272	169	0	0	✓	✓	62.1%	✓	\$0
1	37681303731692	EL CAJON VALLEY HIGH	n/a	1,682	1,007	0	0	✓	✓	59.9%	✓	\$0
1	37681303732625	GROSSMONT HIGH	n/a	2,219	688	0	0	✓	✓	31.0%	✓	\$0
1	37681303734548	MONTE VISTA HIGH	n/a	1,471	588	0	0	✓	✓	35.2%	✓	\$0
1	37681303734761	MOUNT MICHEL HIGH	n/a	1,298	515	0	0	✓	✓	39.7%	✓	\$0
1	37681300128819	REACH Academy	n/a	76	68	0	0	✓	✓	89.5%	✓	\$0
1	37681303730566	VAHALLA HIGH	n/a	2,099	734	0	0	✓	✓	35.0%	✓	\$0

2. Grossmont CEP Grouping Option #2 with a. "Group 1" with 40.39% ISP and 64.6% reimbursement b. "Group 3" with 40.48% ISP and 64.7% reimbursement

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Severe Need	Included In Optimization	Estimated School CEP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
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1	37681303734761	MOUNT MICHEL HIGH	n/a	1,298	515	0	0	✓	✓	39.7%	✓	\$0
1	37681300128819	REACH Academy	n/a	76	68	0	0	✓	✓	89.5%	✓	\$0
3	37681303731692	EL CAJON VALLEY HIGH	n/a	1,682	1,007	0	0	✓	✓	59.9%	✓	\$0
3	37681303732625	GROSSMONT HIGH	n/a	2,219	688	0	0	✓	✓	31.0%	✓	\$0



Meals Count Development

- Developed by volunteers at Open San Diego
- Open San Diego is a Code for America Brigade
- Software is open and free for all to use
- In partnership with Nourish California, SD Hunger, and No Kid Hungry



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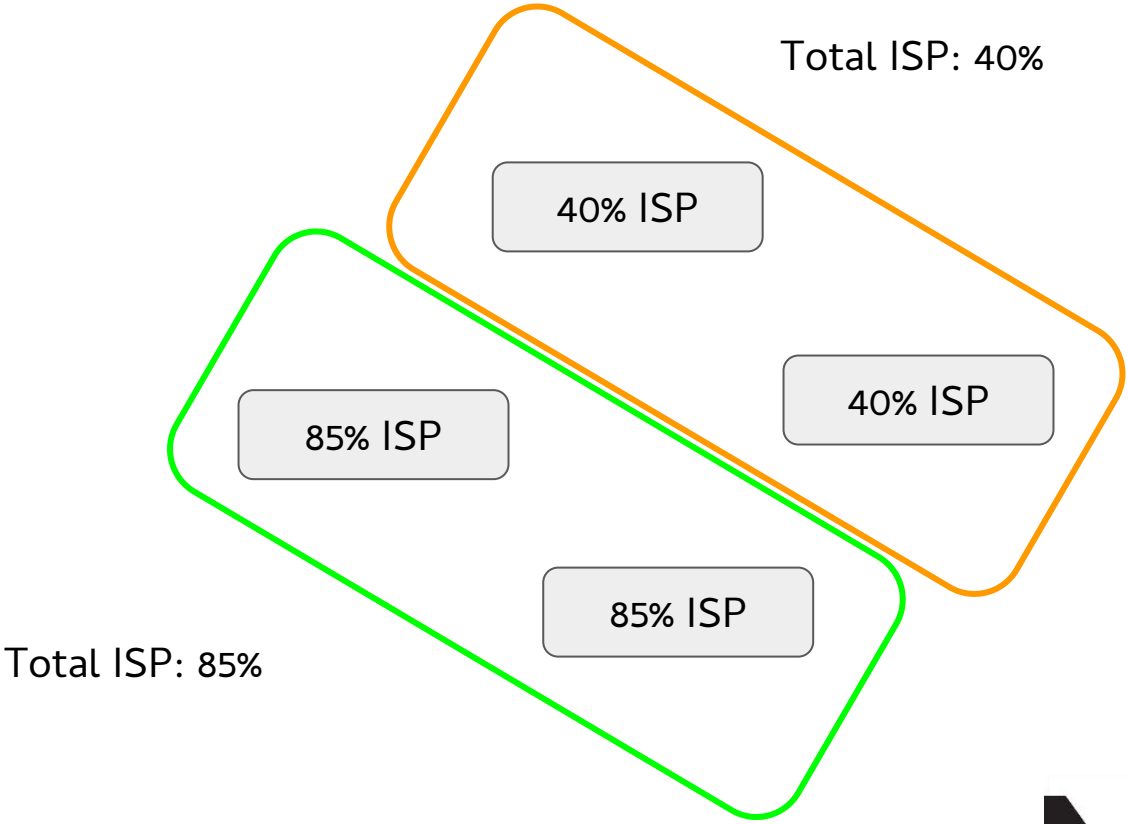
How Meals Count Works

- Takes in data from school districts per school
 - Total Enrolled
 - Total Eligible
 - Average Daily Breakfast Served
 - Average Daily Lunch Served
- Uses computers to run many different grouping scenarios
- Recommends grouping with the highest potential reimbursement
- Allows users to adjust which schools are included in the scenarios



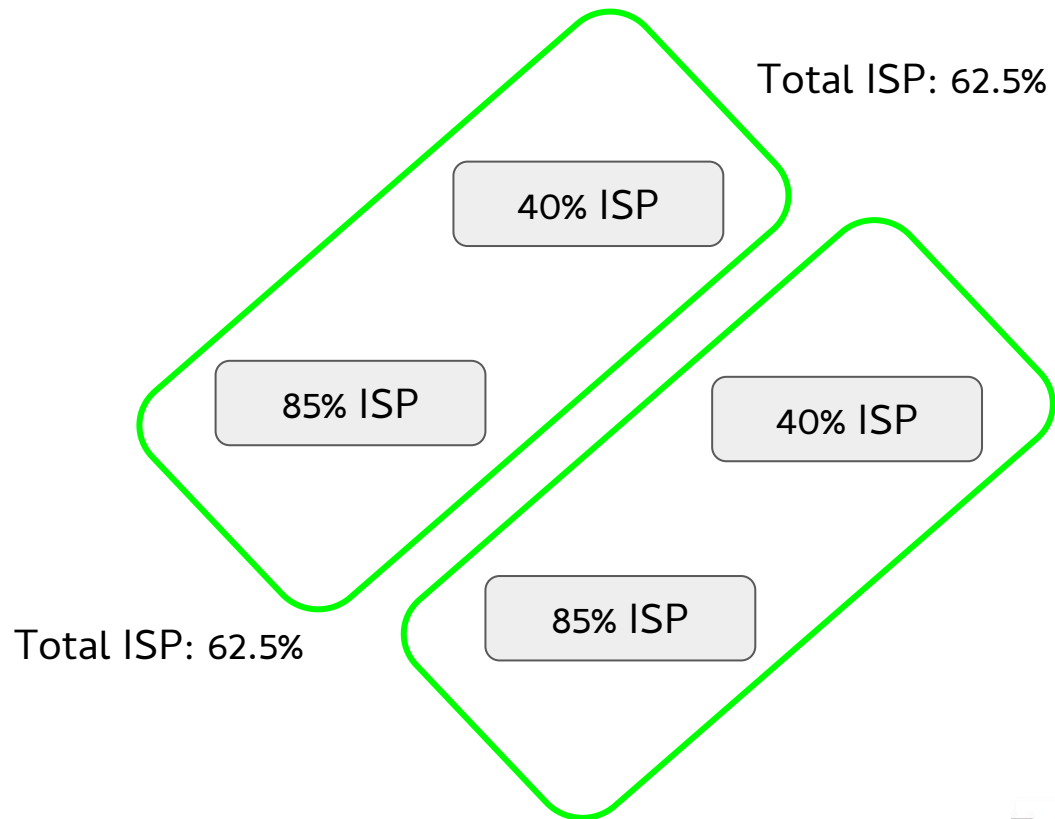
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A Realistic Example - Oceanside Unified

1	373226	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	681	242	847	✓	31.3%	\$0
2	603848	Louise Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	\$197,838
2	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓	31.8%	\$146,330
3	6038913	Santa Margarita Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	558	11	88	202	✓	2.0%	\$0
3	6109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	688	120	94	239	✓	17.4%	\$0
3	6112299	Shurf Mesa Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	514	4	77	203	✓	0.8%	\$0
3	6119713	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	631	194	98	387	✓	30.7%	\$0
4	0136267	Coastal Academy Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	1,330	213	280	482	✓	13.9%	\$0
4	6038889	North Terrace Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	786	41	130	332	✓	5.2%	\$0
5	0113322	Cesar Chavez Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	688	297	126	217	✓	43.2%	\$121,196
5	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	940	268	243	288	✓	49.4%	\$177,467
5	6038863	Lincoln Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	839						
5	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540						
5	6049108	E. G. Carlton Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	322						
5	6108211	Christa McAuliffe Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	556						
4	3731221	Pacific View Charter	K-12 Schools (Public)	618						
6	3739018	El Camino High	High Schools (Public)	2,950						
7	6038897	Palmquist Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	637						
8	6088991	Del Rio Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	351						
9	6038855	Libby Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	429						
9	6104546	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	\$166,714
10	6111777	Martin Luther King Jr Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	1,364	328	318	471	✓	23.7%	\$0
11	0000001	Nonpublic, Nonrestitution Schools	N/A	15	2	2	4	✓	15.4%	\$2,129
11	0113314	Louise Rowland Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	✓	33.7%	\$97,610
11	3739026	Ocean Stross High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	65	23	36	✓	51.6%	\$20,272
11	6038905	San Luis Rey Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	257	129	37	154	✓	50.2%	\$73,609

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1	3739026	Ocean Stross High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	65	23	36	✓	51.6%	\$20,272
1	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	940	268	243	285	✓	49.4%	\$174,654
1	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540	284	97	493	✓	52.6%	\$226,928
1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓	31.8%	\$146,330
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3	6038855	Libby Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	429	218	48	317	✓	50.8%	\$143,091
3	6038905	San Luis Rey Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	257	129	37	154	✓	50.2%	\$73,717
3	6049108	E. G. Carlton Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	322	130	126	256	✓	40.4%	\$137,776
3	6119713	Nichols Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	631	98		387	✓	30.7%	\$186,433
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							611	✓	26.4%	\$0
							259	✓	17.4%	\$0
							4	✓	19.4%	\$2,126
7	0113322	Cesar Chavez Middle	Intermediate Schools (Public)	688	126		217	✓	43.2%	\$119,430
7	3731221	Pacific View Charter	K-12 Schools	618	245	176	370	✓	39.6%	\$194,994
7	6038863	Lincoln Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	839	298	224	303	✓	35.3%	\$178,785
7	6088991	Del Rio Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	351	166	163	294	✓	47.3%	\$160,013
8	3732266	Oceanside High	High Schools (Public)	2,174	681	242	847	✓	31.3%	\$0
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+\$260,000 (13%)!

Optimized - 1 round
\$2,010,294

Optimized - 10 rounds
\$2,270,457

NOTE: Federal reimbursement rates may not be exact to district





Virtual Tour

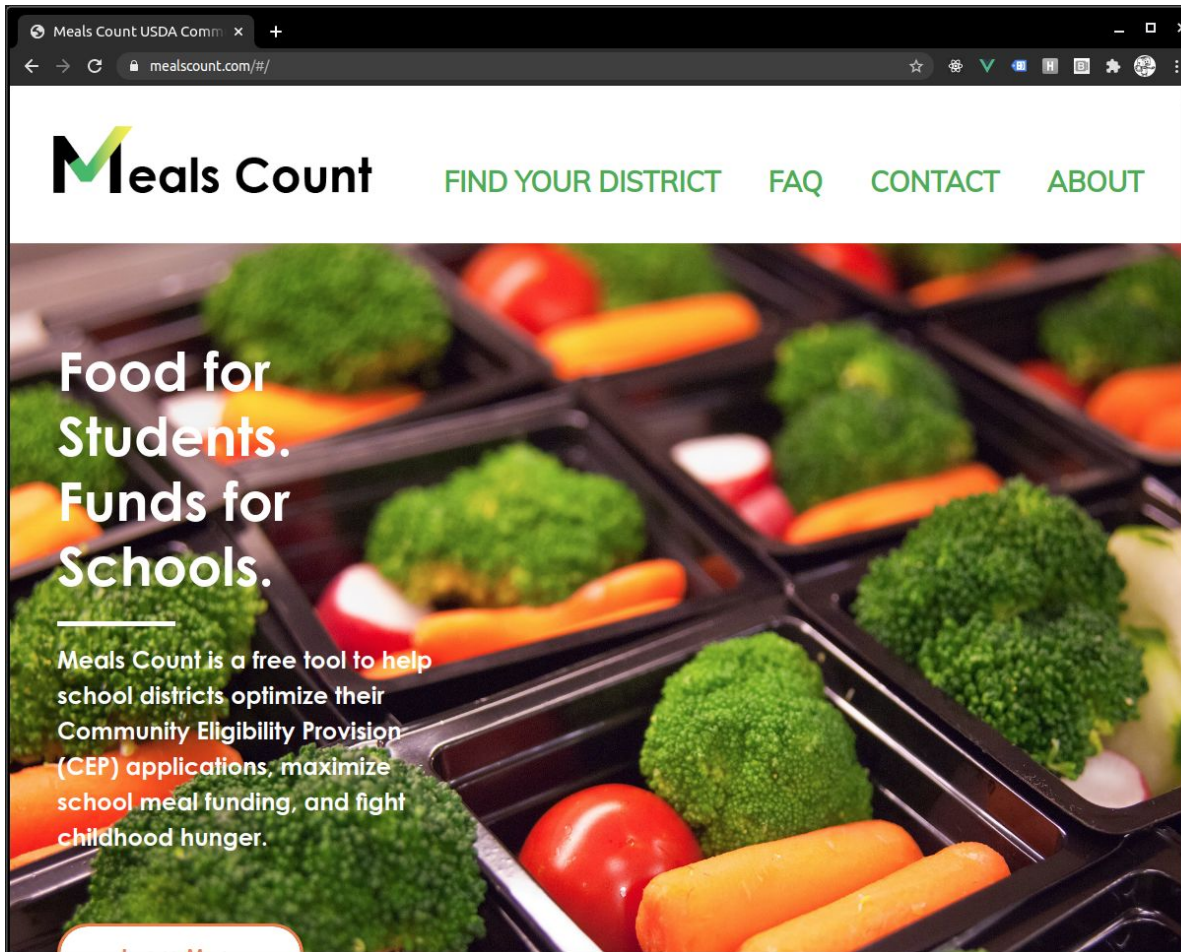
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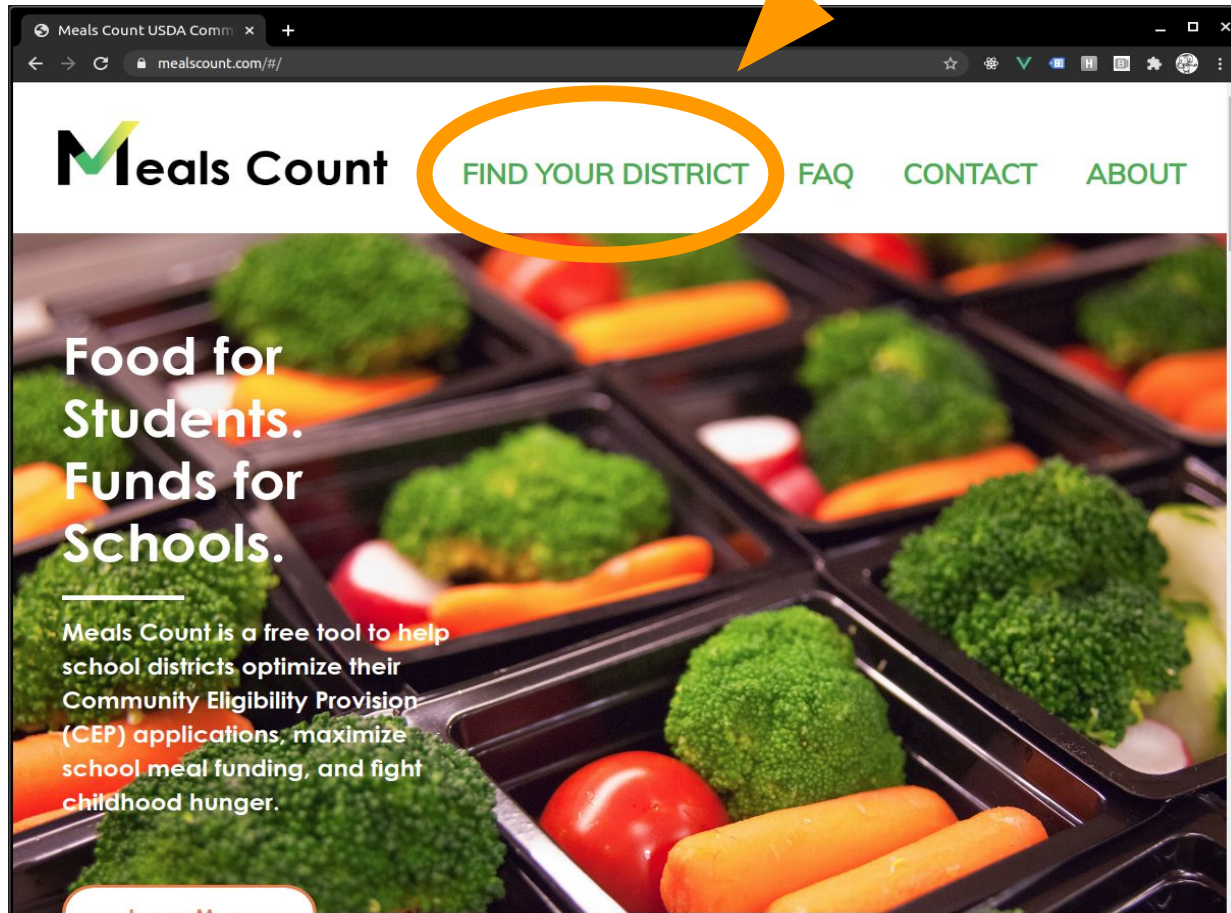
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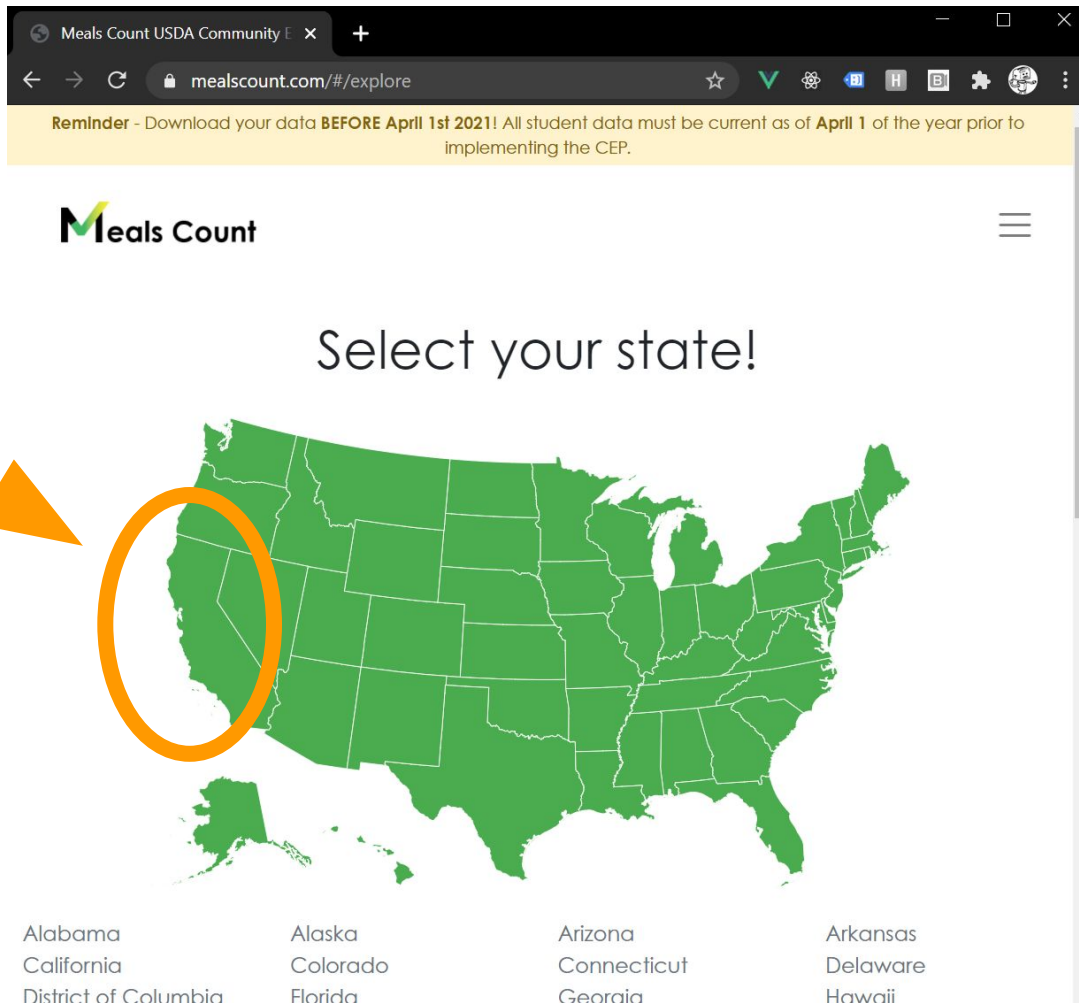
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Click Find Your District



Using Meals Count

Click on California

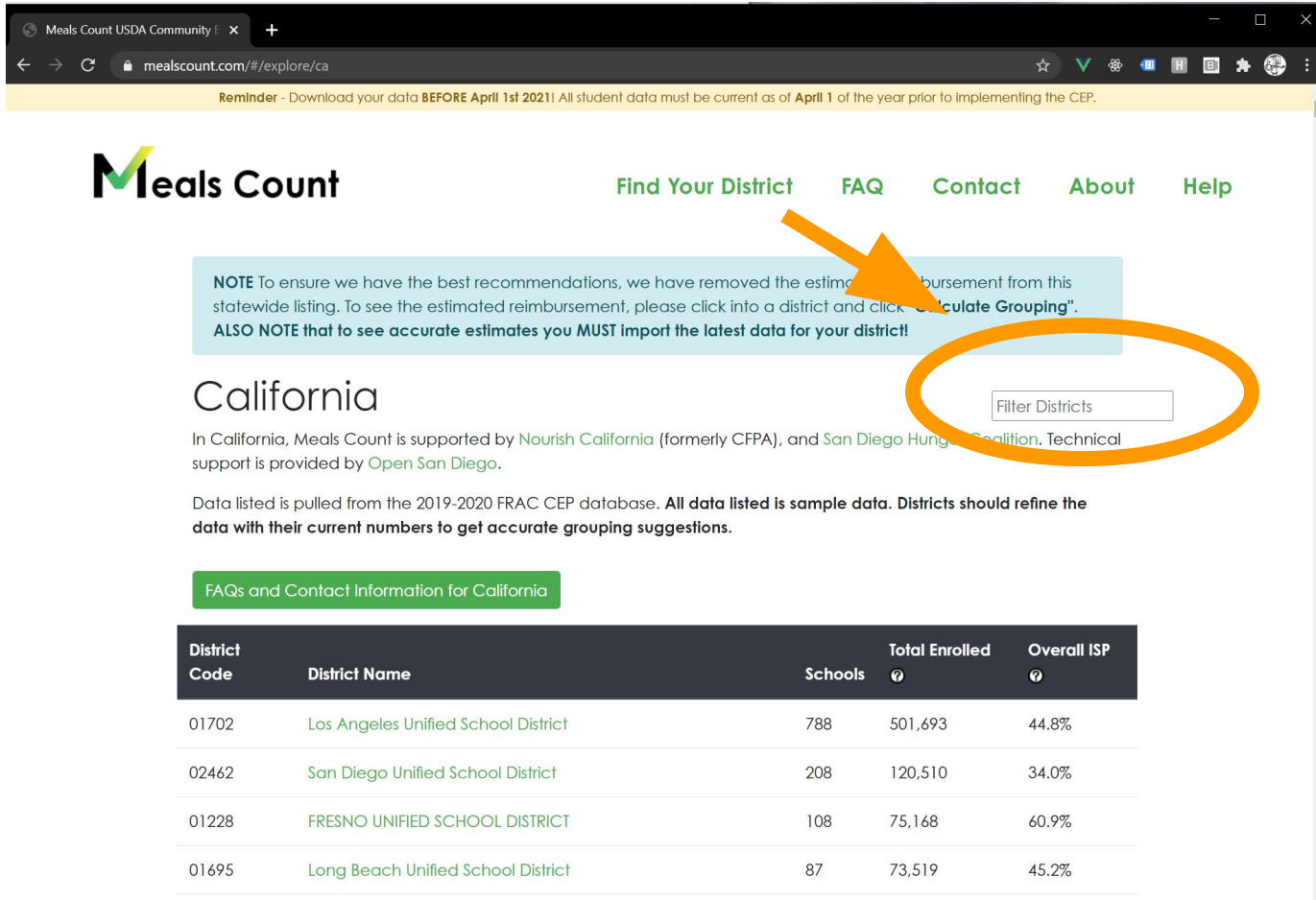


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore. A yellow banner at the top of the page reads: "Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP." The page features the Meals Count logo and a heading "Select your state!". Below this is a green map of the United States. An orange circle highlights California on the map, and an orange arrow points from the left towards this circle. Below the map, a list of states is provided:

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas
California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware
District of Columbia	Florida	Georgia	Hawaii

Using Meals Count

Start typing in your district to filter the list



Meals Count USA Community | mealscount.com/#/explore/ca

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Meals Count Find Your District FAQ Contact About Help

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FAQs and Contact Information for California

District Code	District Name	Schools	Total Enrolled	Overall ISP
01702	Los Angeles Unified School District	788	501,693	44.8%
02462	San Diego Unified School District	208	120,510	34.0%
01228	FRESNO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	108	75,168	60.9%
01695	Long Beach Unified School District	87	73,519	45.2%

Using Meals Count

Click on your district in the list

The screenshot shows the Meals Count website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Meals Count logo and links for 'Find Your District', 'FAQ', 'Contact', 'About', and 'Help'. A yellow banner at the top contains a reminder: 'Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP.' Below the navigation bar, a light blue box contains a note: 'NOTE To ensure we have the best recommendations, we have removed the estimated reimbursement from this statewide listing. To see the estimated reimbursement, please click into a district and click "Calculate Grouping". ALSO NOTE that to see accurate estimates you MUST import the latest data for your district!' The main heading is 'California', followed by a paragraph: 'In California, Meals Count is supported by Nourish California (formerly CFPA), and San Diego Hunger Coalition. Technical support is provided by Open San Diego.' Below this is another paragraph: 'Data listed is pulled from the 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database. All data listed is sample data. Districts should refine the data with their current numbers to get accurate grouping suggestions.' A green button labeled 'FAQs and Contact Information for California' is positioned above a table. The table has columns for 'District', 'District Name', 'Schools', 'Total Enrolled', and 'Overall ISP'. One row is visible with the district code '02494' and the name 'Oceanside Unified School District'. Annotations include an orange arrow pointing to the 'Calculate Grouping' button in the note, an orange circle around the 'Calculate Grouping' button, an orange arrow pointing to the 'FAQs and Contact Information for California' button, and an orange circle around the 'Oceanside Unified School District' row in the table.

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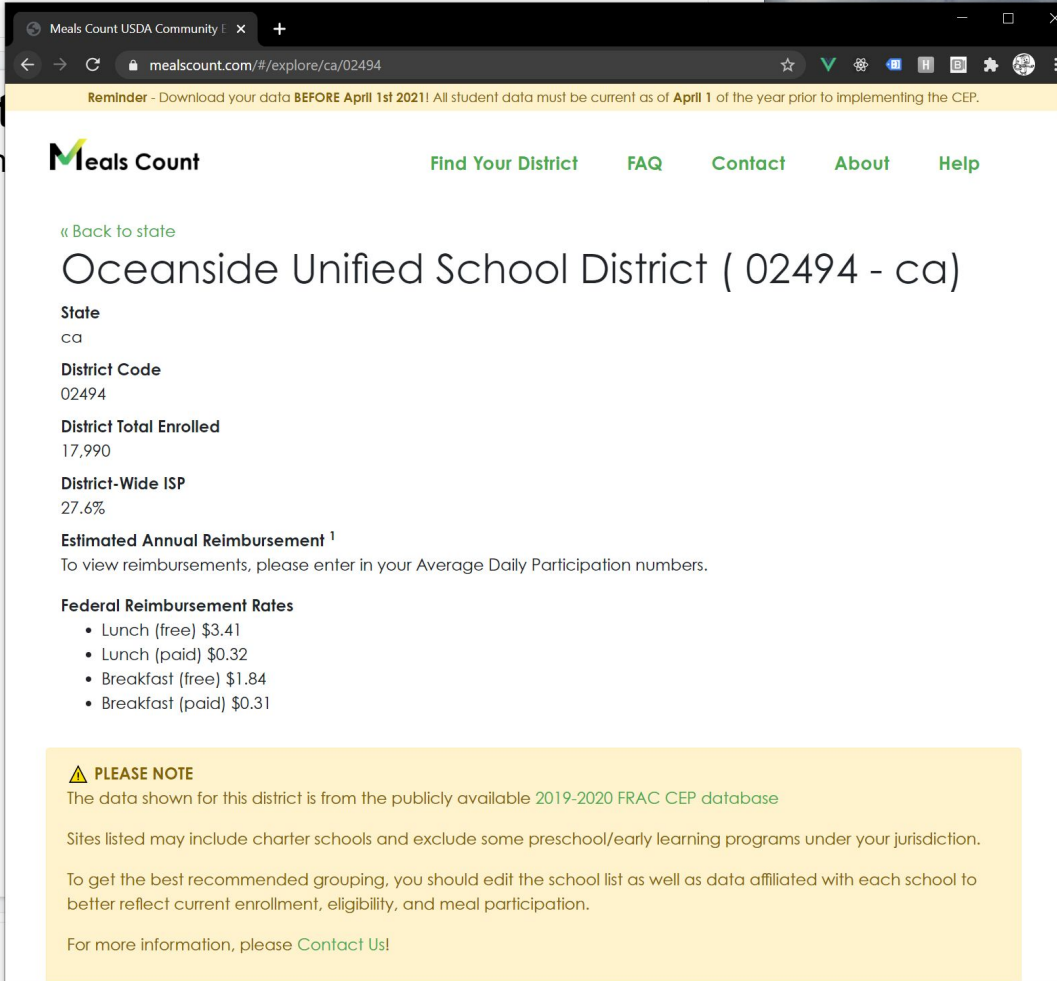
District	District Name	Schools	Total Enrolled	Overall ISP
02494	Oceanside Unified School District	25	17,990	27.6%

***Note:** if your district is not showing up, try clearing the filter and looking with CTRL-F (CMD-F on Mac). If not, please look for the district code (from CALPADS) or contact us.



Using Meals Count

Review your district and school information



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494`. A yellow banner at the top reads: "Reminder - Download your data BEFORE April 1st 2021! All student data must be current as of April 1 of the year prior to implementing the CEP." The website header includes the "Meals Count" logo and navigation links: "Find Your District", "FAQ", "Contact", "About", and "Help".

The main content area displays the following information for Oceanside Unified School District (02494 - ca):

- « Back to state
- Oceanside Unified School District (02494 - ca)**
- State**
ca
- District Code**
02494
- District Total Enrolled**
17,990
- District-Wide ISP**
27.6%
- Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹**
To view reimbursements, please enter in your Average Daily Participation numbers.
- Federal Reimbursement Rates**
 - Lunch (free) \$3.41
 - Lunch (paid) \$0.32
 - Breakfast (free) \$1.84
 - Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

A yellow box contains a "PLEASE NOTE" section:

PLEASE NOTE
The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database

Sites listed may include charter schools and exclude some preschool/early learning programs under your jurisdiction.

To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.

For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)



Using Meals Count

Scroll down to see the schools

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mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494

better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.
For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)

[Edit](#) [Export to CSV](#) [Import from File](#) [Start Over](#) [help](#)

Recommended Grouping ⓘ	School Code	School Name	School Type ⓘ	Total Enrolled ⓘ	Total Eligible ² ⓘ	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ⓘ	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ⓘ	Included in Optimization ⓘ
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296			✓
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	n/a	545	97			✓
0	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0			✓
0	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140			✓
0	8514	DITMAR ELEMENTARY	n/a	3	0			✓
0	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111			✓
0	37735693739018	El Camino High	n/a	2,958	700			✓
0	37735696108995	...	n/a			✓



Using Meals Count

Understanding the columns

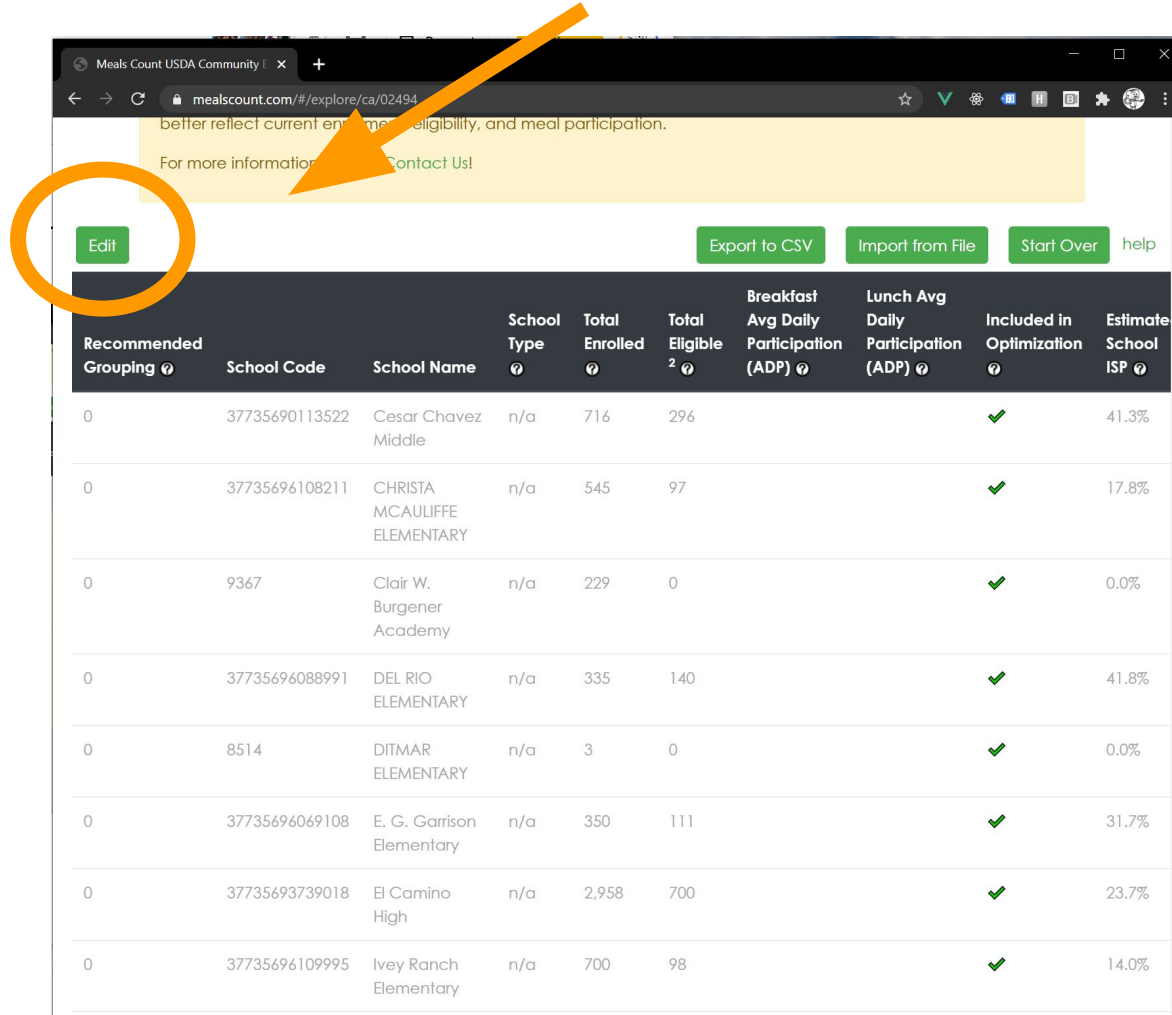
Recommended Grouping ?	School Code	School Name	School Type ?	Total Enrolled ?	Total Eligible ² ?	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ?	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ?	Severe Need	Included in Optimization ?	Estimated School ISP ?	School CEP Eligible ?	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
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- **Recommended Grouping:** The numerical grouping of the schools in the current recommendation. E.g. All Schools marked “1” should be in Group 1, all schools marked “2” should be in Group 2
- **School Code:** The code or id of the school (**must be unique for each school**)
- **School Name:** The name of the school (for reference)
- **Total Enrolled:** The total number of students enrolled in this school
- **Total Eligible:** The total number of Identified Students in this school
- **Breakfast Avg Daily Participation:** The average **DAILY** number of breakfasts served
- **Lunch Avg Daily Participation:** The average **DAILY** number of lunches served
- **Severe Need:** Whether or not this school qualifies as Severe Need
- **Included in Optimization:** Whether or not to include this school in the optimization (e.g. exclude charter schools)
- **Estimated School ISP:** ISP as percentage calculated live from Total Eligible/ Total Enrolled
- **School CEP Eligible:** Whether or not the School meets the 40% threshold
- **Estimated Annual Reimbursement:** The estimated reimbursement based upon the Rates specified and a 180 day school year for this school



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Click **EDIT** to modify the school listing



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mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494

better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.

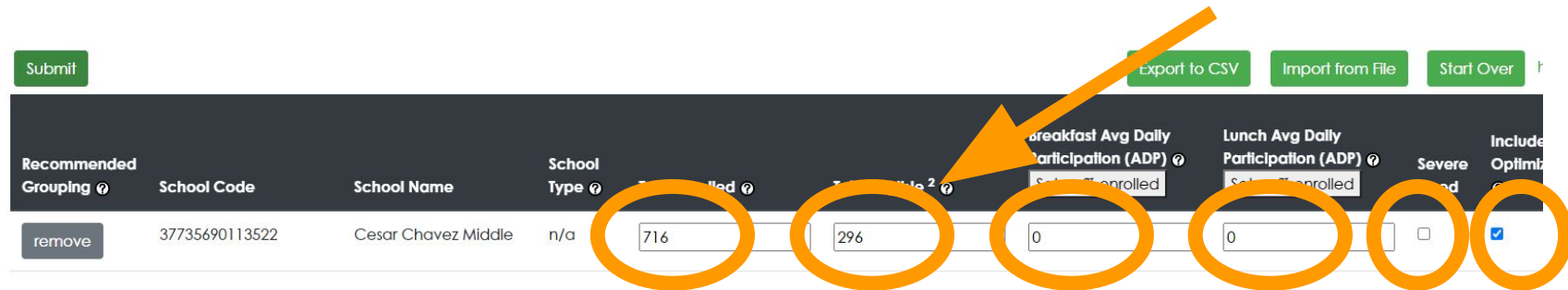
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Edit **Export to CSV** **Import from File** **Start Over** [help](#)

Recommended Grouping [?]	School Code	School Name	School Type [?]	Total Enrolled [?]	Total Eligible ² [?]	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) [?]	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) [?]	Included in Optimization [?]	Estimate School ISP [?]
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296			✓	41.3%
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	n/a	545	97			✓	17.8%
0	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0			✓	0.0%
0	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140			✓	41.8%
0	8514	DITMAR ELEMENTARY	n/a	3	0			✓	0.0%
0	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111			✓	31.7%
0	37735693739018	El Camino High	n/a	2,958	700			✓	23.7%
0	37735696109995	Ivey Ranch Elementary	n/a	700	98			✓	14.0%

Using Meals Count

Edit and update school information



The screenshot shows a web interface for managing school information. At the top, there are buttons for 'Submit', 'Export to CSV', 'Import from File', and 'Start Over'. Below these is a table with columns: 'Recommended Grouping', 'School Code', 'School Name', 'School Type', 'Total Enrolled', 'Total Eligible', 'Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Severe Need', and 'Included in Optimization'. The row for 'Cesar Chavez Middle' has the following values: 'remove', '37735690113522', 'Cesar Chavez Middle', 'n/a', '716', '296', '0', '0', an unchecked checkbox, and a checked checkbox. Six orange circles highlight the 'Total Enrolled', 'Total Eligible', 'Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Severe Need', and 'Included in Optimization' columns. An orange arrow points to the 'Total Enrolled' field.

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Severe Need	Included in Optimization
remove	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	0	0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

You can edit 6 fields per each school:

1. Total Enrolled
2. Total Eligible
3. Breakfast Average Daily Participation (**required!**)
4. Lunch Average Daily Participation (**required!**)
5. Severe Need
6. Included in Optimization

Toggle “Included in Optimization” if the school is not part of your district’s program

Using Meals Count

Scroll up to Update SFA Certification and NSLA 60%

Meals Count USDA Community

mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494

Updated - CEP Deadlines Have Been Extended, make sure you download your data by June 30th! [Learn More!](#)

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Oceans (02494 - ca)

State
ca

District Code
02494

District Total Enrolled
17,990

District-Wide ISP
27.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹
To view reimbursements, please enter in your Average Daily Participation numbers.

Determining Rates

SFA Certified
Is your menu certified for the additional 7 cents?

NSLA 60%+ Rate
Were at least 60% of lunches served to students who qualify for free and reduced-price meals in the second preceding school year?

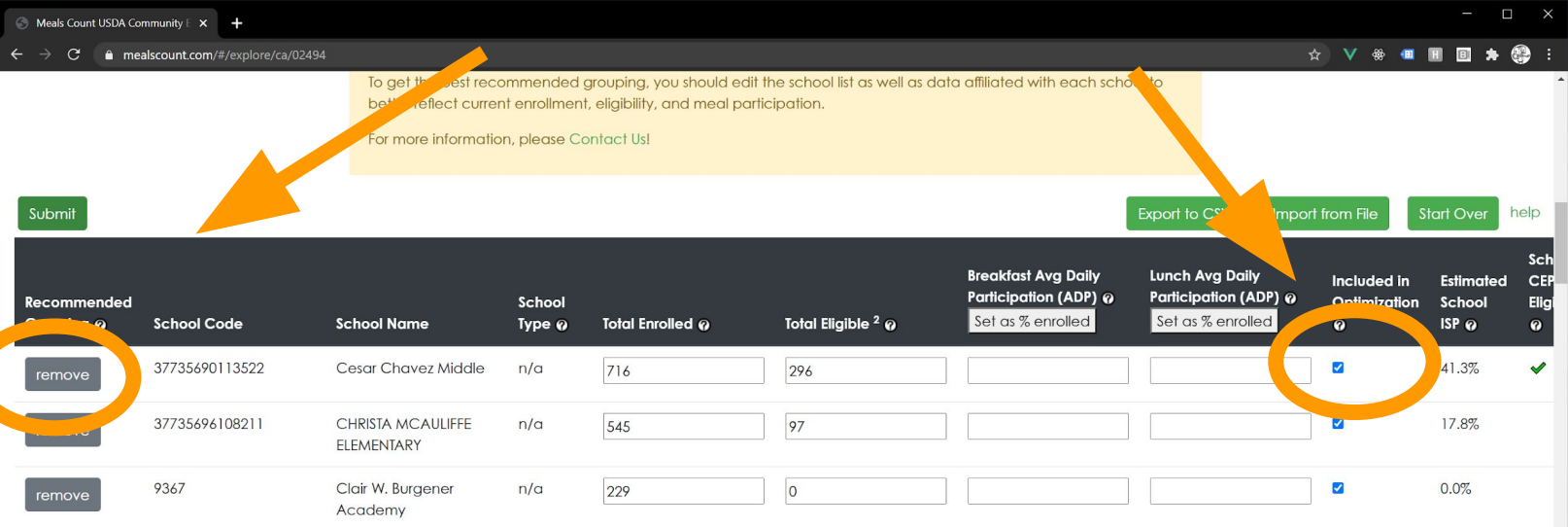
NOTE: these options, in addition to the Severe Need per site will determine your rate as specified in:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/CEPEstimatorTool.xlsx>



Using Meals Count

Remove or uncheck “Included” for any unapplicable schools



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494. A yellow tooltip message reads: "To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation. For more information, please Contact Us!". The interface includes buttons for "Submit", "Export to CSV", "Import from File", "Start Over", and "help". Below these is a table with the following columns: Recommended, School Code, School Name, School Type, Total Enrolled, Total Eligible, Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Included In Optimization, Estimated School ISP, and Sch CEP Elig. The first row of data is for Cesar Chavez Middle, with a "remove" button circled in orange and a checked "Included In Optimization" checkbox also circled in orange. The second row is for CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY, and the third is for Clair W. Burgener Academy.

Recommended	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included In Optimization	Estimated School ISP	Sch CEP Elig
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.3%	✓
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	n/a	545	97	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.8%	
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	n/a	229	0	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input type="text" value="Set as % enrolled"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	

Some schools (e.g. Charter Schools, or sometimes school offices) are included from our source data set but may not be part of your district’s meal program.

You can either “disable” this from the grouping calculation, or remove it entirely by toggling “Included in Optimization” to disable, or “remove” to remove.

Using Meals Count

Scroll to bottom to add any additional schools not included

<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696038913	SANTA MARGARITA ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="568"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696038921	SOUTH OCEANSIDE ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="649"/>	<input type="text" value="198"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="remove"/>	37735696115299	STUART MESA ELEMENTARY	<input type="text" value="628"/>	<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Add School:	<input type="text" value="School Code (required)"/>	<input type="text" value="School Name"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="text" value="25"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

You must specify 8 fields to add a school

1. School Code (numerical code, can just be placeholder if you don't have one, **must be unique to district**)
2. School Name (name of school, **must be unique to district**)
3. Total Enrolled
4. Total Eligible
5. Breakfast Average Daily Participation
6. Lunch Average Daily Participation
7. Severe Need
8. Included in Optimization (keep checked to include in grouping calculation)

Using Meals Count

Click **Submit** to run the grouping calculation

To get the best recommended grouping, the school listing and ISP numbers must be modified to match the reality of your school. For more information or questions, please [Contact Us!](#)

Submit Optimized on 2020-07-05 20:33:10.623835 in 11.27s **edited** **Export to CSV** **Import from CSV** **Reload Original** [help](#)

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible ²	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP) ³	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP
remove	0113514	Louise Foussat Elementary	Elementary Schools	563	190	103	177	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	33.7%
remove	0026	Ocean (Continental)					36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51.6%
remove	6038830	Jefferson					285	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	49.6%

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
- Lunch (paid) \$0.32
- Breakfast (free) \$1.84
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

PLEASE NOTE
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Please Wait
Grouping optimizations are currently being run. The results will update shortly.

NOTE We have updated our optimization to run a longer optimization for larger districts directly on the website. This will return better results, but can take up to a few minutes. Please be patient and remain on this page.

Elapsed Time: 00:03

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per Student
0	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	Middle Schools	229	0	34	126	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.3%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	37735696108211	CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY	Elementary Schools	229	0	34	126	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17.8%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	9367	Clair W. Burgener Academy	Elementary Schools	229	0	34	126	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
0	37735694088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	Elementary Schools	335	140	50	184	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	41.8%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Note: Grouping can take up to 3 minutes, please be patient.



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Once complete, a notice of the time updated will show

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569`. At the top, it displays "Breakfast (paid) \$0.31". A yellow "PLEASE NOTE" box contains the following text: "The data shown for this district is from the 2019-2020 CALPADS CUPC source file, as well as April 2019 meals average meals data and is **not up to date**. ISP numbers are for **Direct Certification Only**. Your district's numbers may be significantly higher. Some charter schools may be included, and some preschool schools may be missing, based upon the school data we received from CALPADS. To get the best recommended grouping, the school listing and ISP numbers must be modified to match the reality of your school. For more information or questions, please [Contact Us!](#)". Below the note, there is a green "Edit" button circled in orange, followed by a status bar: "Optimized on 2020-07-05 21:19:059474 in 12.28s edited". To the right are buttons for "Export to CSV", "Import from CSV", "Reload Original", and "help". The main content is a table with the following columns: Recommended Grouping, School Code, School Name, School Type, Total Enrolled, Total Eligible, Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP), Included in Optimization, Estimated School ISP, School CEP Eligible, and Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School. The table contains seven rows of data. The first six rows have a "Recommended Grouping" of 1 and are highlighted in light green. The seventh row has a "Recommended Grouping" of 2 and is highlighted in light yellow. An orange arrow points from the "PLEASE NOTE" box to the "Edit" button. Another orange arrow points from the "Edit" button to the "Recommended Grouping" column of the table. A third orange arrow points from the "Recommended Grouping" column to the text below the screenshot.

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1	0113514	Louise Fousat Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	563	190	103	177	✓	33.7%	✓	\$97,326
1	3739026	Ocean Shores High (Continuation)	Continuation High Schools	126	65	23	36	✓	51.6%	✓	\$20,272
1	6038830	Jefferson Middle	Intermediate/Middle Schools (Public)	540	268	243	285	✓	49.6%	✓	\$174,654
1	6038871	Mission Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	540	284	97	493	✓	52.6%	✓	\$226,928
1	6038921	South Oceanside Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	611	194	123	270	✓	31.8%	✓	\$140,530
1	6106546	Reynolds Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	627	205	108	342	✓	32.7%	✓	\$166,889
2		Laurel Elementary	Elementary Schools (Public)	439	227	186	373	✓	51.7%	✓	\$245,891

Groups numbers are updated and color coded



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Overall Reimbursement / ISP

Meals Count

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Oceanside Unified (73569 - ca)

State
ca

District Code
73569

District Total Enrolled
19,371

District-wide
28.6%

Estimated Annual Reimbursement ¹
\$2,270,457

(with NYCMODA?fresh_starts=10 strategy)

By Group

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
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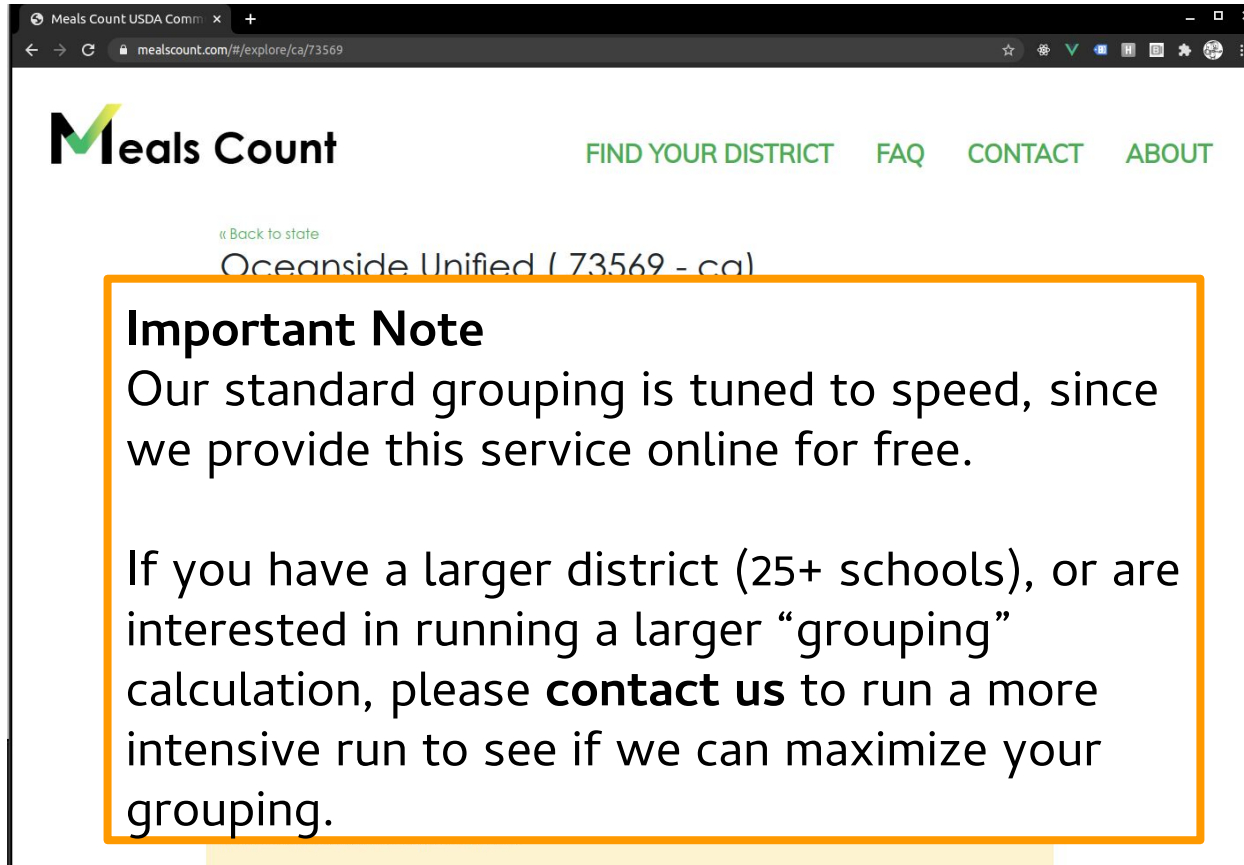
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For the curious, the Meals Count “strategy” used to get this reimbursement is also listed



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Note on Optimization



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/73569. The page header includes the Meals Count logo and navigation links: FIND YOUR DISTRICT, FAQ, CONTACT, and ABOUT. Below the header, there is a breadcrumb trail: « Back to state > Oceanside Unified (73569 - ca). A large orange-bordered box highlights the following text:

Important Note
Our standard grouping is tuned to speed, since we provide this service online for free.

If you have a larger district (25+ schools), or are interested in running a larger “grouping” calculation, please **contact us** to run a more intensive run to see if we can maximize your grouping.

Contact us by going to mealscount.com and clicking “Contact” in the top right!



Using Meals Count

Reviewing the Results - Toggle Group to see Group Totals

\$2,270,457
(Optimized for NYCMC refresh_starts=10 strategy)

By Group

Group Number	Schools	Group ISP	Est. Reimbursement
Group 1	6 Schools	40.1%	\$826,598
Group 2	1 School	51.7%	\$245,891
Group 3	4 Schools	40.9%	\$543,019
Group 4	1 School	24.6%	\$0
Group 5	5 Schools	18.3%	\$0
Group 6	1 School	17.4%	\$0
Group 7	5 Schools	40.2%	\$654,950
Group 8	3 Schools	20.9%	\$0

Federal Reimbursement Rates

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- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

Editing / Exploring

Adjusting your groupings

Federal Reimbursement Rates

- Lunch (free) \$3.41
- Lunch (paid) \$0.32
- Breakfast (free) \$1.84
- Breakfast (paid) \$0.31

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For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)

Buttons: Edit, Optimization on 2021-03-12 21:30:15.058247 in 99.31s edited rev #1, Export to CSV, Import from File, Start Over, help

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included in Optimization	Estimated School ISP	School CEP Eligible	Estimated Annual Reimbursement Per School
1*	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	107	394	✓	41.3%	✓	\$188,000
1*	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTARY	n/a	335	140	50	184	✓	41.8%	✓	\$88,000
1*	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111	53	193	✓	31.7%	✓	\$92,000
1*	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle	n/a	580	287	87	319	✓	49.5%	✓	\$152,000
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓	51.9%	✓	\$117,000

You can edit the grouping assignment and Meals Count will recalculate the reimbursement.



Comparing Groupings

Review the grouping history

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/02494`. The main content area displays information about the district and a table of school groupings. A modal window titled "District Edit History" is open, showing the "District Grouping History" for District "02494". The modal contains the following text:

District Grouping History

These are the groupings you have run for District "02494" this session. Click on one to go back to it. **Your current revision will still be available until you close this browser.**

To save a revision, please use [Export to CSV](#)

- Revision #1 \$1,843,729 [Load](#)
- Revision #2 \$1,752,727 (current) [Load](#)

[Cancel](#)

The background table shows the following data:

Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included				
1*	37735690113522	107	394	✓				
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓				
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓				
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓

Look at the history of your optimized and adjusted groupings, and click to go back to one.

Using Meals Count

Save your work to CSV

The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database

Sites listed may include charter schools and exclude some preschool/early learning programs under your jurisdiction.

To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.

For more information, please [Contact Us!](#)

[Edit](#) [History](#) [Manually adjusted](#) [edited rev #2](#) **[Export to CSV](#)** [Import from File](#) [Start Over](#) [help](#)

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name	School Type	Total Enrolled	Total Eligible ²	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Inclu Optin
1*	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Middle	n/a	716	296	107	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary	n/a	350	111	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle	n/a	580	287	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓
1*	37735696038855	Libby	n/a	500	200	75	275	✓

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Click “Download” to download a copy

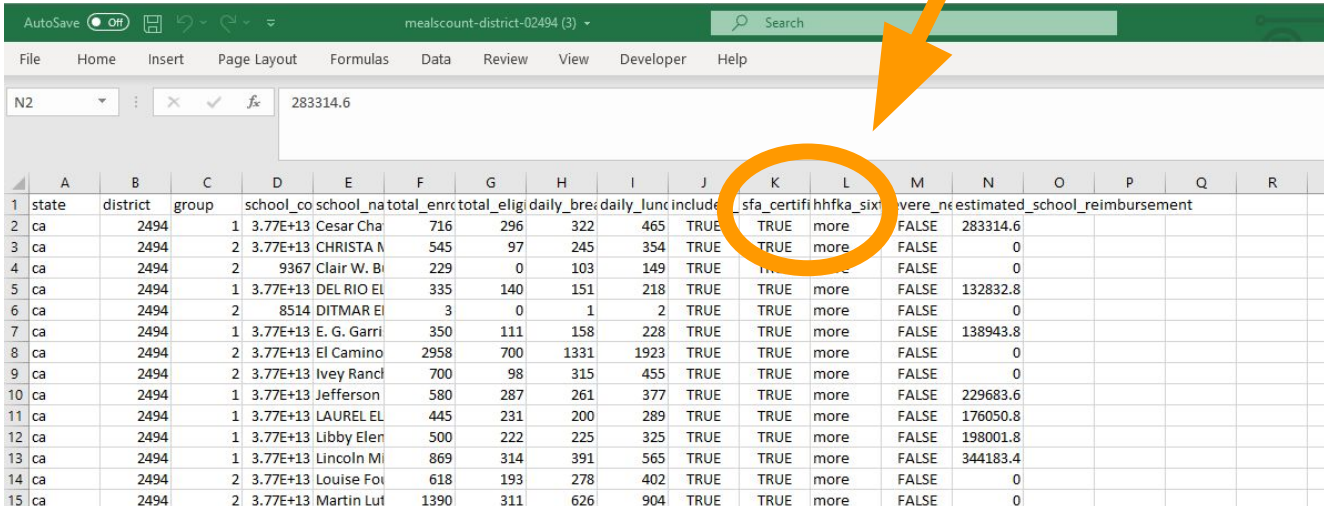
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `mealscount.com/#/explore/ca/02494`. The page displays a table of school data for Oceanside Unified School District. An 'Export to CSV' dialog box is overlaid on the table, with the title 'Download Oceanside Unified School District as CSV'. The dialog box contains the following text: 'This file can be used to reimport again and to "save" your grouping. Please note that reimbursement rates are listed for the first school, but will be applied across the entire district based on the first school's rates.' Below this text is a 'Filename:' field with the value 'mealscount-district-02494.csv' and a green 'Download' button. The 'Download' button is circled in orange, and an orange arrow points to it from the background table. The background table has columns for 'Recommendation', 'Grouping', 'School Code', 'Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', 'Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)', and 'Include Optin'. The table contains several rows of data, including one for 'LAUREL ELEMENTARY'.

Recommendation	Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Include Optin				
1*		3773569603522	107	394	✓				
1*		37735696069108	53	193	✓				
1*		37735696038830	87	319	✓				
1*		37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a	445	231	67	245	✓

Using Meals Count

Review / Share the resulting file

NOTE: CSV or Comma Separated Value files are compatible, but not the same as XLS or XLSX files. If you modify and save these files as XLS or XLSX, you will need to “Save As” a CSV to be able to re-import to Meals Count



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
1	state	district	group	school_co	school_na	total_enrc	total_elig	daily_brc	daily_lunc	include	sfa_certification	hhfka_sixty	average	estimated	school_reimbursement			
2	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Cesar Cha	716	296	322	465	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	283314.6				
3	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	CHRISTA N	545	97	245	354	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
4	ca	2494	2	9367	Clair W. Bi	229	0	103	149	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
5	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	DEL RIO EL	335	140	151	218	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	132832.8				
6	ca	2494	2	8514	DITMAR EL	3	0	1	2	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
7	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	E. G. Garri	350	111	158	228	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	138943.8				
8	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	El Camino	2958	700	1331	1923	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
9	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Ivey Ranc	700	98	315	455	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
10	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Jefferson	580	287	261	377	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	229683.6				
11	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	LAUREL EL	445	231	200	289	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	176050.8				
12	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Libby Eler	500	222	225	325	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	198001.8				
13	ca	2494	1	3.77E+13	Lincoln Mi	869	314	391	565	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	344183.4				
14	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Louise Fox	618	193	278	402	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				
15	ca	2494	2	3.77E+13	Martin Lut	1390	311	626	904	TRUE	TRUE	more	FALSE	0				

NOTE: The sfa certification and 60% (hhfka_sixty) fields are on every school row but are district wide values that are just taken from the first school on import.

Using Meals Count

Click “Import from File” to import XLSX or CSV Data

The screenshot shows the 'Import from File' dialog box with the following text:

Import from File

Drag File over to import

Accepted formats: .CSV, .XLS, .XLSX. For XLS/XLSX Workbooks, only the first Sheet will be used.

Required Columns: "school_name"
"total_enrolled" "total_eligible"
"daily_breakfast_served" "daily_lunch_served"

Import

Recommended Grouping	School Code	Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Included
1*	37735690113522	107	394	✓
1*	37735696069108	53	193	✓
1*	37735696038830	87	319	✓
1*	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTARY	n/a 445 201 67	245 ✓

Drag and Drop your CSV or XLS file onto the gray box, then click Import.

Using Meals Count

Click “Import from File” to import XLSX or CSV Data

The screenshot shows the Meals Count website interface. A modal dialog box titled "Import from File" is open in the center. The dialog box contains the following text:

Import from File

Drag File over to import
mealscount-district-02494.csv (2 kb)

Accepted formats: .CSV, .XLS, .XLSX. For XLS/XLSX Workbooks, only the first Sheet will be used.

Required Columns: "school_name"
"total_enrolled" "total_eligible"
"daily_breakfast_served" "daily_lunch_served"

Import

The background shows a table of school data with columns for "Recommended Grouping", "School Code", "Breakfast Participation (ADP)", and "Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)". The table contains several rows of data, including school codes and participation counts.

Once you have clicked “Import”, then click “Close” at the top.

Using Meals Count

Upon importing, click “Edit” and then “Submit” to recalculate groupings

The data shown for this district is from the publicly available 2019-2020 FRAC CEP database

Sites listed may include charter schools and exclude some preschool/early learning programs under your jurisdiction.

To get the best recommended grouping, you should edit the school list as well as data affiliated with each school to better reflect current enrollment, eligibility, and meal participation.

For more information, please Contact Us!

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Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name
1	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Mic
1	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTA
1	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary
1	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle
1	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTA

Recommended Grouping School Code

Recommended Grouping	School Code	School Name
remove	37735690113522	Cesar Chavez Mic
remove	37735696088991	DEL RIO ELEMENTA
remove	37735696069108	E. G. Garrison Elementary
remove	37735696038830	Jefferson Middle
remove	37735696038848	LAUREL ELEMENTA

Please Wait

Grouping optimizations are currently being run. The results will update shortly.

NOTE We have updated our optimization to run a longer optimization for larger districts directly on the website. This will return better results, but can take up to a few minutes. Please be patient and remain on this page.

Elapsed Time: 00:07

Breakfast Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Lunch Avg Daily Participation (ADP)	Inclu Opti
107	394	✓
82	300	✓
34	126	✓
0	184	✓

YOU MUST RE-SUBMIT THE GROUPINGS - groupings are not automatically imported from the Import CSV, and will remain what they were before import.

Using Meals Count

Note on Saving / Sharing

- You must **Export to CSV** to “Save” your district
- To share a district, send the user the CSV File you exported
- You may create unlimited “CSV” exports as a way of testing different scenarios
- To load a “saved” district, **Import from CSV** and then **click “Edit” and “Submit”** to recalculate groupings and estimate reimbursements



Live Demo

Meals Count

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Meals Count Considerations

- Data listed is pulled from the **2020-2021** FRAC database
- All data listed is historical data. Districts **MUST EDIT** enrollment and ISP data, as well as add their ADP data to get accurate grouping suggestions.
- Multiple strategies for optimizing ISP
- Does not include state reimbursement
- Consider possible increase in participation

USDA extended free meals for all this school year...

So why should I apply for CEP?

- Applying for CEP this year is a **no-risk opportunity** that expires Sept. 30
- Lock in your current ISPs for the following 3 school years!
- If ISPs increase next year, then you can apply again next year.
- If ISPs decrease next year, then good thing you applied this year!
- **If you don't apply for CEP this year, and ISPs decrease next year, then you will have missed an opportunity to lock in higher ISPs.**
- Additionally, if you apply this year but decide you no longer want to operate CEP, there is no penalty for dropping the provision.
- Take advantage of extended deadlines, run your numbers, and apply! **There is no risk or downside to applying.**

Example District: 1% Decrease in ISP in SY22-23

School	Enrollment	ISP	-1% ISP
Cesar Chavez Middle	688	43.02%	42.02%
Jefferson Middle	580	50.69%	49.69%
Libby Elementary	429	46.39%	45.39%
Lincoln Middle	839	35.40%	34.40%
Louise Foussat Elementary	563	30.73%	29.73%
Del Rio Elementary	351	41.03%	40.03%
Laurel Elementary	439	48.06%	47.06%
Mission Elementary	593	49.24%	48.24%
San Luis Rey Elementary	257	45.53%	44.53%
District est. annual reimbursement		\$1,358,389.80	\$1,330,999.20

- \$27,390.60 per year

Example District: 1% Decrease in ISP in SY22-23

Estimated annual reimbursement with CEP if applying in SY21-22

Estimated annual reimbursement with CEP if applying in SY22-23

SY21-22	<i>N/A (SSO)</i>	<i>N/A (SSO)</i>
SY22-23	\$1,358,389.80	\$1,330,999.20
SY23-24	\$1,358,389.80	\$1,330,999.20
SY24-25	\$1,358,389.80	\$1,330,999.20
	\$4,075,169.40	\$3,992,997.60
\$ amount lost over 3 years (Based on -1% ISP in SY22-23)		-\$82,171.80

NEW CEP Calculator from No Kid Hungry

- Compare side-by-side your district's expected annual revenue under both CEP and standard NSLP (standard counting and claiming)
- Compare side-by-side each school's expected annual revenue under both CEP and standard NSLP
- Customize your financial analysis by manipulating expected breakfast and lunch participation rates by school, and see the impacts on revenue in real-time
- Optimize your revenue with CEP by using strategic grouping, powered by the CEP grouping tool, [Meals Count](#). It's built right into the calculator!

[DOWNLOAD THE CALCULATOR](#)





Q&A

Have questions or suggestions?
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Thank You!



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