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# **Creating Healthier Students & Better Learners with the School Breakfast Program**

**School Breakfast Report Card for Maryland**



**Maryland Hunger Solutions**

*Ending hunger and promoting well-being*

## Maryland Hunger Solutions

The Food Research & Action Center established Maryland Hunger Solutions in the fall of 2007 as a project to fight hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of children and families in Maryland. Maryland Hunger Solutions uses a three-pronged strategy to

1. provide education about the stark reality of hunger's existence in Maryland and the proven solutions to reduce food insecurity;
2. improve public policies to end food insecurity and poverty; and
3. ensure that all eligible residents are connected to federal and state nutrition programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (known as the Food Supplement Program in Maryland) and school meals programs.

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## About This Report

Nutrition, student attendance, academic performance, and behavior all improve with access to school breakfast.<sup>1,8</sup>

This report shows that Maryland's school breakfast performance resembles a glass that is half-full. While the state has made great strides in expanding school breakfast participation, **more than 200,000 low-income children** are missing out on the most important meal of the day.

This report outlines the barriers to participation in school breakfast and details key recommendations for schools to address these barriers and increase access to the School Breakfast Program. These strategies include:

- offering breakfast after the bell (after the school day starts);
- participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement, a state-funded breakfast in the classroom program; and
- offering breakfast at no charge to all students, such as through community eligibility.

Finally, this report provides a school breakfast report card for Maryland overall and for each public school system in the state. Each report card measures how well the school district is ensuring that all of their low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.

## Introduction

The School Breakfast Program improves health and ensures that students can start the school day ready to learn.<sup>1</sup> Increasing access to school breakfast is a key strategy to reduce food insecurity (the limited or uncertain access to adequate food) and to improve the health and education of Maryland's children.<sup>2</sup>

Research demonstrates that participation in the School Breakfast Program can reduce educational and health disparities and produce a range of positive outcomes:

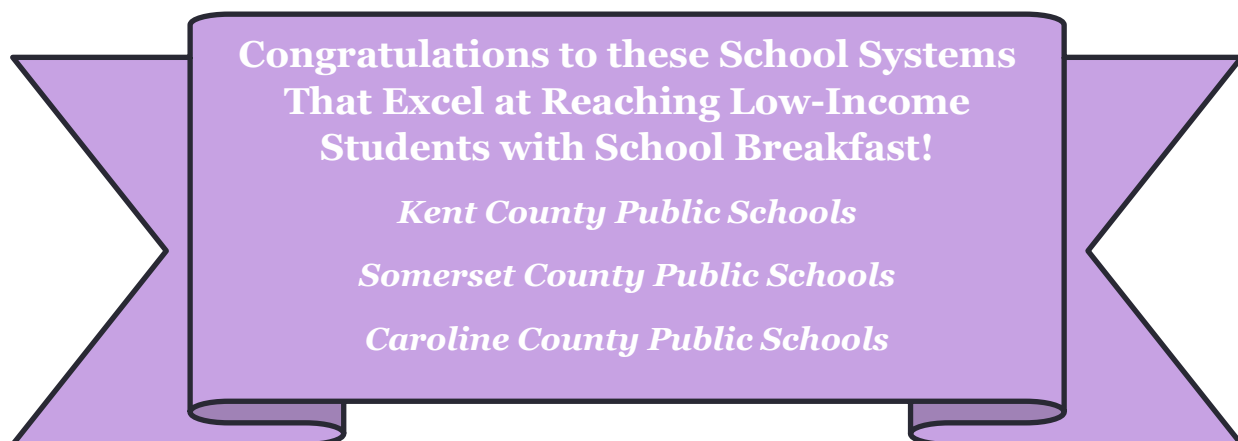
- improved diet, short-term memory, and behavior at school;
- increased academic achievement;
- better school attendance; and
- decreased food insecurity, likelihood of developing obesity, and tardiness.<sup>3,4</sup>

**New federal regulations require that every breakfast meal served must meet the following nutrition standards:**

- ☐ one cup of fruit;
- ☐ whole grains;
- ☐ one cup of milk;
- ☐ less than 10 percent saturated fat;
- ☐ less than 500 milligrams of sodium; and
- ☐ no trans fat.<sup>13</sup>

Too many Maryland families struggle with low wages and underemployment — two of the key drivers of food insecurity. At the same time, hundreds of thousands of low-income children in Maryland do not have sufficient access to the School Breakfast Program. In fact, only **49 percent** of low-income students in Maryland participated in school breakfast during the 2016–2017 school year.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, 51 percent, or more than 200,000 low-income students, do not participate in school breakfast

Although the statewide average is less than half, there are districts in the state that have been more successful in ensuring adequate access to school breakfast. This report shows that out of the 24 public school systems, only 12 received higher than a “C+” grade, and five received the lowest grade — “time to act” — because less than 40 percent of their low-income students participate in school breakfast.



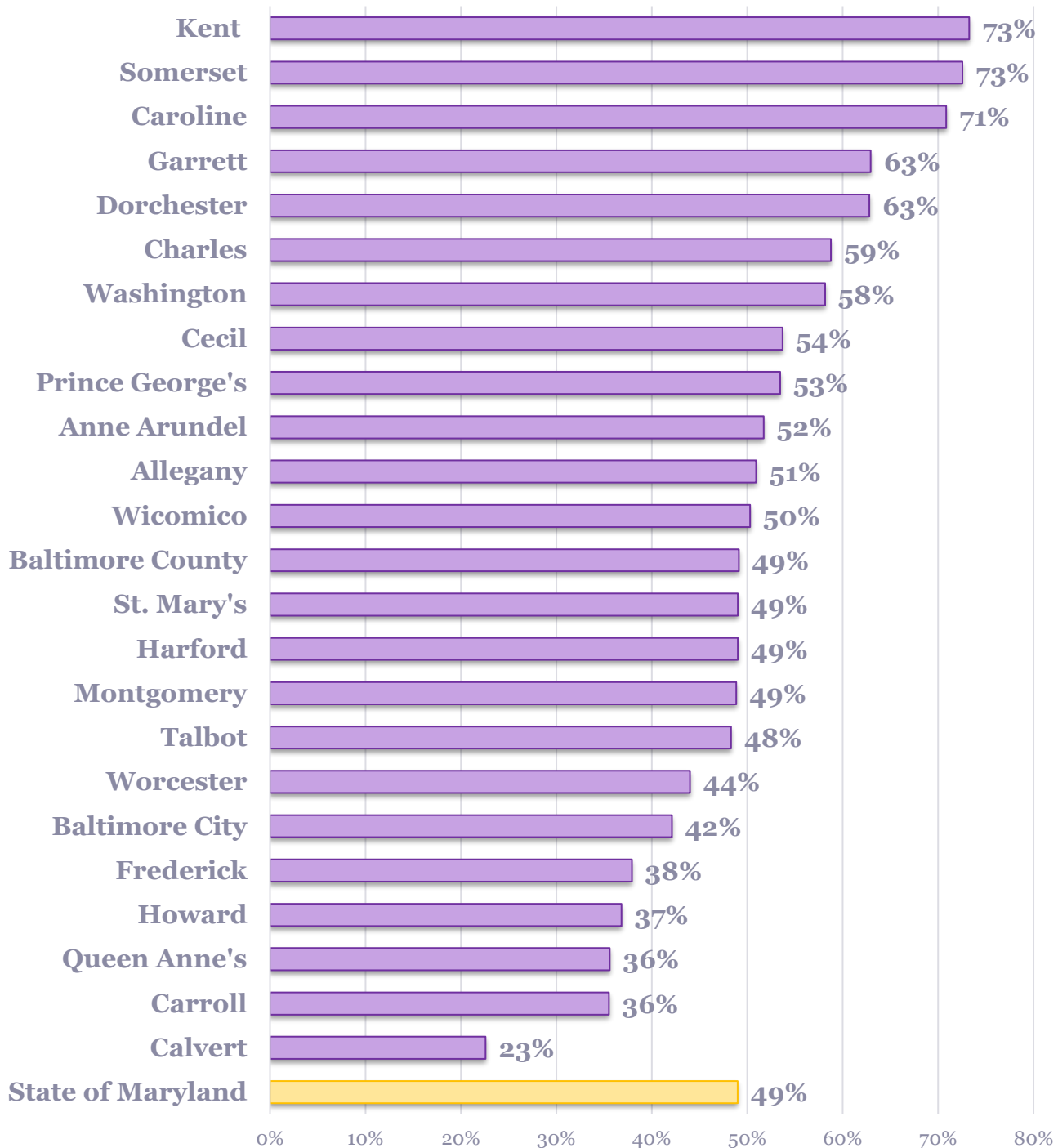
## Low-Income Student Participation

The chart on the following page shows the percentage of low-income students that participate in school breakfast for each school district. A student that is certified for free or reduced-price school meals is considered “low-income.” The table below details the federal income guidelines for a household to qualify for free and reduced-price school meals.<sup>6</sup>

Household Size	Free School Meals Household income must be below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level	Reduced-Price School Meals Household incomes between 130-185% of the Federal Poverty Level
2 Person Household	< \$21,112 year	\$21,113 — \$30,044 year
3 Person Household	< \$26,546 year	\$26,547 — \$37,777 year
4 Person Household	< \$31,980 year	\$31,981 — \$45,510 year

Kent, Somerset and Caroline Counties rank at the top and are commended for their efforts in ensuring that students have access to the School Breakfast Program. Unfortunately, less than 40 percent of low-income students participate in school breakfast in Calvert, Carroll, Queen Anne’s, Howard, and Frederick counties.

## Low-Income Student Participation in School Breakfast, by School System, School Year 2016-2017



## Breakfast Participation Over Time

The following chart shows that Maryland’s school breakfast participation has increased significantly since the 2008–2009 school year, when about one-third of low-income students participated in school breakfast.

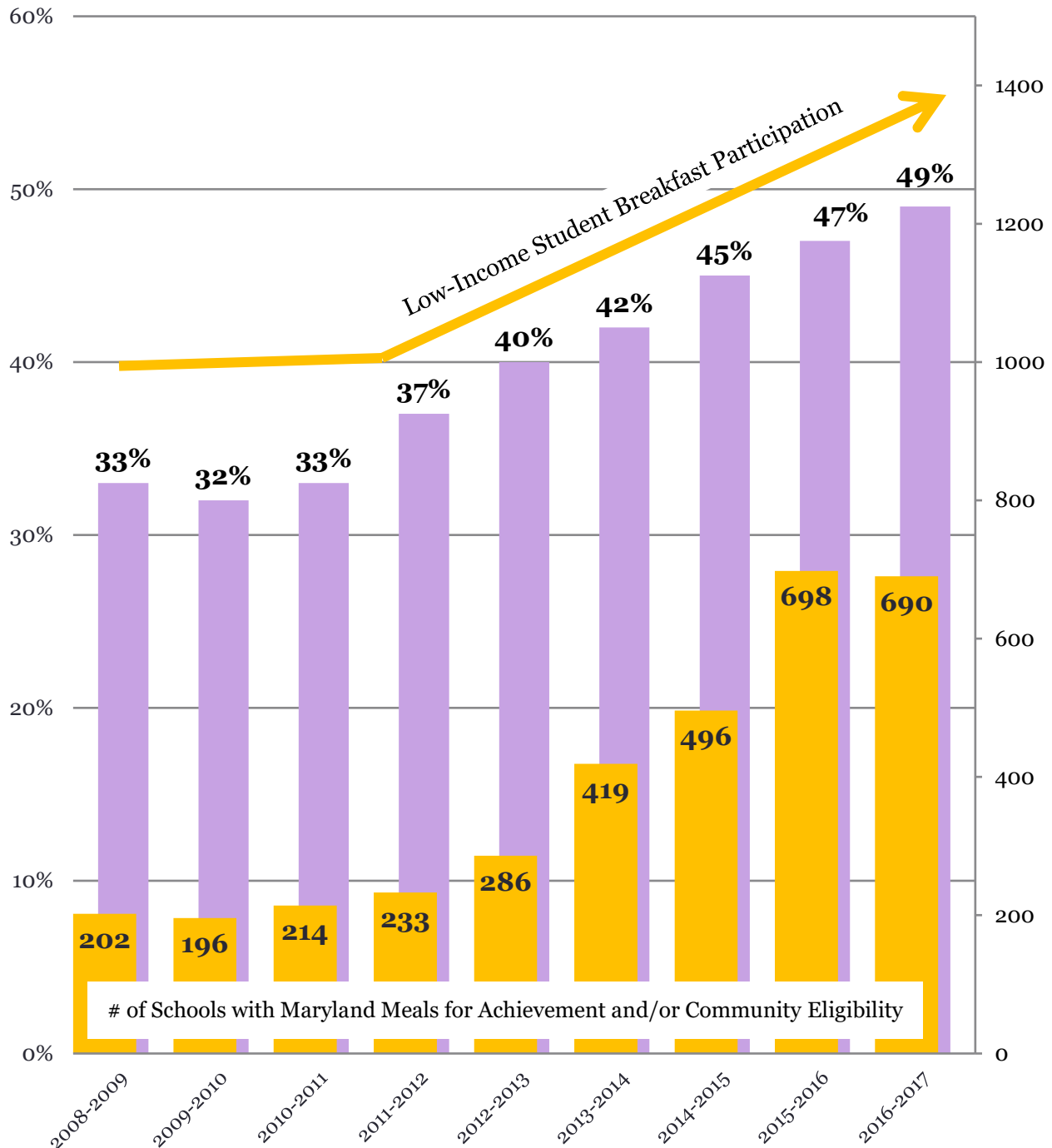
Low-income student participation in school breakfast increases in schools that participate in Maryland Meals for Achievement (a state-funded program that supplements federal school meal reimbursements so that schools can offer breakfast in the classroom at no charge to all students) and the Community Eligibility Provision (an option in federal law for high poverty schools to offer free school breakfast and lunch to all students).

**Maryland Meals for Achievement** began in 1998 with just six schools. State funding for the program increased each year thereafter until the program suffered a 10 percent cut in 2009. Three subsequent years of increases in funding ended and funding remained level at \$6.9 million from 2014-2015 until 2018-2019 when successful advocacy increased funding again. Although state funding remained level during that time, participation in community eligibility expanded.

**The Community Eligibility Provision** was first used in six Maryland schools during the 2013-2014 school year. Following the passage of the *Hunger-Free Schools Act* in 2015, the number of schools electing community eligibility rose substantially to 227 schools in the 2015-2016 school year. Schools that participate in the Community Eligibility Provision are considered “Hunger-Free Schools” because school breakfast and lunch are offered at no cost to all students in the school. During the 2016-2017 school year, more than 98,200 students in Maryland attended one of the 229 Hunger-Free Schools.



## Low-Income Student Participation in School Breakfast Increases with Maryland Meals for Achievement and/or Community Eligibility



## School Breakfast Barriers

Less than half of all low-income students in Maryland participate in the School Breakfast Program. The main reason is that many schools offer breakfast in the cafeteria *before* the school day begins, making it inaccessible to the many students who have not yet arrived at school. Even if students arrive early to eat school breakfast, they may feel peer pressure to socialize or play instead.



The second obstacle is the stigma resulting from the too frequent perception of the School Breakfast Program as only serving children from poor families. The severity of this stigma becomes more pronounced for middle and high school students.



The cost of school breakfast is another barrier, especially among low-income students who do not qualify for free school meals. For example, a child of a single parent who earns just \$22,000 a year *does not* qualify for free school meals.<sup>6</sup> This family earns “too much” to qualify for free school meals and must pay the reduced-price co-pay for school meals, despite the fact that they are likely struggling to make ends meet, especially considering Maryland’s high cost of living.<sup>7</sup> As a result, many low-income families are not able to afford the cost of school meals. Maryland Hunger Solutions led efforts to eliminate this barrier for more than 48,000 low-income children with the *Maryland Cares for Kids Act*.



## *The Maryland Cares for Kids Act* **Passed in 2018**

Senate Bill 740 sponsored by Senator Richard Madaleno

House Bill 315 sponsored by Delegate Shelia Hixson



After three years of advocacy and organizing, the *Maryland Cares for Kids Act* became law during the 2018 state legislative session! Maryland Hunger Solutions led this effort to expand access to free school meals to all low-income children. As a result, more than 48,000 students and families will benefit when the reduced-price school meal co-pays are eliminated. The benefit will be phased in over four years and by the 2021-2022 school year, all students with family incomes below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level will have access to free school breakfast and lunch.

## Eliminate Breakfast Barriers by Offering Breakfast After the Bell

The single most important action schools can take to increase access to the School Breakfast Program is to **offer breakfast after the school day starts**. When the switch is made from offering breakfast in the cafeteria before the school day begins, to serving breakfast after the start of the school day, both access to — and participation in — school breakfast increase.

*“We implemented the ‘Breakfast in the Classroom’ program this year and it has been a great success ... it helps set a positive tone for the day.”*

Lisa M. Smith, M.Ed.  
Principal of Callaway Elementary School in Baltimore

Not only do all students have access to a nutritious breakfast, student attendance and behavior also improve when schools adopt breakfast after the bell.<sup>8</sup> Schools can implement breakfast after the bell using various models, including breakfast in the classroom and grab and go breakfast kiosks.

Two Breakfast Barriers are Eliminated When  
Schools Offer Breakfast After the Bell!



## Eliminate Breakfast Barriers With Maryland Meals for Achievement

**Maryland Meals for Achievement** funding allows high-poverty schools to implement free breakfast in the classroom. This state-funding supplements federal school meal reimbursements so that schools can offer breakfast in the classroom at no charge to all students. This program removes all three of the breakfast barriers to participation and is a smart investment — for every dollar in state funding, Maryland leverages \$5.46 in federal reimbursements.<sup>9</sup>

Maryland Hunger Solutions tirelessly advocates for both increased funding for the Maryland Meals for Achievement program and to promote improvements to the program; such as successfully advocating for the *Maryland Meals for Achievement for Teens Act of 2017*, which expands access to the program in

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middle and high schools. In 2018, Maryland Hunger Solutions advocated for a bill that allows a one-year grace period for schools that are participating in the program but fall below the eligibility threshold. This bill also secured the first increase in funding for the program since the 2013-2014 school year.

All Breakfast Barriers are Eliminated in  
Schools with Maryland Meals for Achievement!



## Eliminate Breakfast Barriers with Community Eligibility

**The Community Eligibility Provision** allows high-poverty schools to offer both school breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge — essentially becoming **Hunger-Free Schools**. Participation in school meals increases because both the cost of school meals and the stigma that can surround means-tested school meal programs are eliminated. Community eligibility also prevents students from “falling through the cracks,” including those in families that are just above the income threshold for assistance, but still struggling to make ends meet.

Community eligibility simplifies administrative processes and improves efficiency by eliminating the need for school meal benefit applications, which can be confusing for families to fill out and laborious for school districts to process. Instead, schools are reimbursed based on the students that are “directly certified” to receive free school meals without an application because their household participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or the student is homeless, migrant, enrolled in Head Start, or in foster care.

Two Breakfast Barriers are Eliminated When  
Schools Elect Community Eligibility!



## How Community Eligibility Works

Authorized by the federal *Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010*, the Community Eligibility Provision allows high-poverty schools to offer breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students and to realize significant administrative savings by eliminating school meal applications. Any district, group of schools in a district, or school with 40 percent or more “directly certified students” — children eligible for free school meals who already are identified by other means than an individual household application — can choose to participate.

Students directly certified for free meals include:

- Children directly certified for free school meals through data matching because their households receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), assistance through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) program, and in some states, Medicaid. (The FDPIR program does not operate in Maryland and unfortunately, our state has opted not to participate in Medicaid direct certification.)
- Children who are certified for free meals without an application because they are homeless, migrant, enrolled in Head Start, or in foster care.

Community eligibility schools are reimbursed for meals served based on a formula. Because of evidence that the ratio of all low-income children to children in these identified categories would be 1.6 to 1, Congress built that into the formula. Reimbursements to the school are calculated by multiplying the percentage of directly certified students by 1.6 to determine the percentage of meals reimbursed at the federal free rate, the highest federal subsidy level. For example, a school with 50 percent directly certified students would be reimbursed for 80 percent of the meals served at the free reimbursement rate ( $50 \times 1.6 = 80$ ), and 20 percent at the “paid rate” (the lowest federal subsidy level). School districts may also choose to group schools if the district or group has an overall direct certification percentage of 40 percent or higher.

## Community Eligibility in Maryland

During the 2014–2015 school year, just 23 schools in Maryland — a mere six percent of all eligible schools — opted to use community eligibility.

Fortunately, the number of schools using community eligibility increased significantly after Governor Larry Hogan signed the *Hunger-Free Schools Act*, a bill that both houses of the Maryland legislature passed unanimously in order to increase access to community eligibility. Because of this law, the number of **Hunger-Free Schools** increased to 227 in the 2015–2016 school year. In school year 2016–2017, nine additional schools, with over 5,800, students joined the program.<sup>10</sup>

Participation continues to increase — in the 2017–2018 school year, there are 242 Hunger-Free Schools with over 103,500 students. (Please note that three of the 242 schools are non-public schools and therefore are not reflected in the total count in table five.) The expansion is impressive, but there remains room to increase the number of schools implementing community eligibility. By not fully utilizing community eligibility, Maryland shortchanges students in high poverty schools and leaves federal dollars on the table — resources that could directly benefit low-income students.



## Community Eligibility Creates Hunger-Free Schools in Maryland



### 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

2,000  
Students

6  
Hunger-Free  
Schools

### 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

7,500  
Students

23  
Hunger-Free  
Schools

### 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

97,000  
Students

227  
Hunger-Free  
Schools

### 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

98,000  
Students

229  
Hunger-Free  
Schools

### 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: PARTICIPATION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

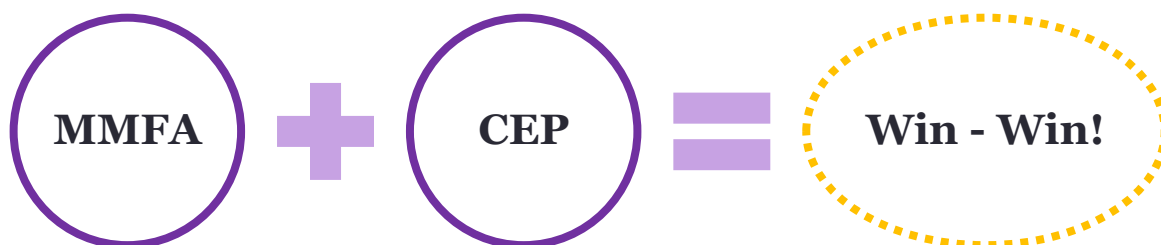
103,500  
Students

242  
Hunger-Free  
Schools

## The Power of Two: Many Schools Can Use Both Maryland Meals for Achievement *and* Community Eligibility

Many high-poverty schools can — and should — use both Maryland Meals for Achievement and community eligibility to provide access to free school breakfast and lunch. The following table lists some of the schools that are currently receiving state funding for breakfast in the classroom through Maryland Meals for Achievement and are eligible to receive federal funding for **both school breakfast and lunch** through community eligibility.

By adding community eligibility, these Maryland Meals for Achievement schools can better leverage federal resources and reduce the amount of state funding needed to support their school meal program. As a result, the limited state funding for Maryland Meals for Achievement can be used more effectively to the benefit of more schools and students.



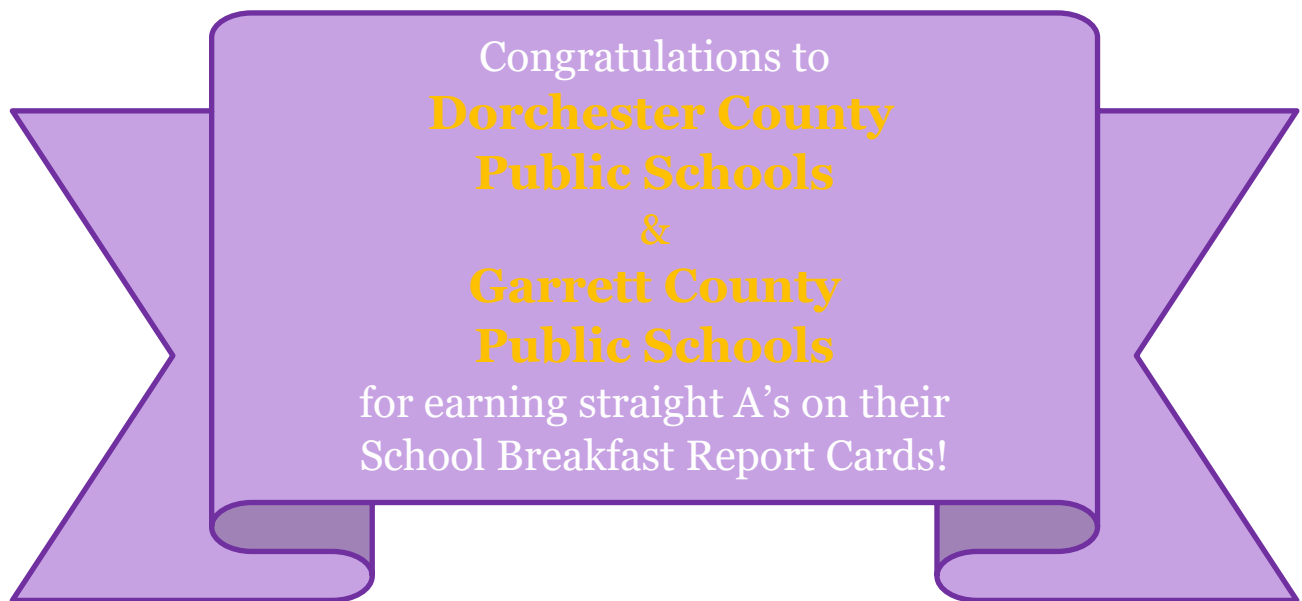
**Table 1. Selected Schools With Maryland Meals for Achievement That Also Are Eligible to Participate in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**

School District	Selected List of CEP-Eligible Schools				
Allegany	George's Creek Elementary	Westernport Elementary	South Penn Elementary		
Anne Arundel	Eastport Elementary	Mary Moss @ J. Albert Adams Academy			
	Georgetown East Elementary	Mills Parole Elementary	Van Bokkelen Elementary		
Baltimore County	Battle Grove Elementary	Dundalk Elementary	Logan Elementary	Sandalwood Elementary	
	Deep Creek Elementary	Halethorpe Elementary	Martin Blvd Elementary		
Caroline	Family Support Center	Federalsburg Elementary	Judy Center Early Headstart		
Carroll	Crossroads Middle School				
Cecil	North East Elementary				
Harford	Halls Cross Roads Elementary				
Kent	H.H. Garnett Elementary		Rock Hall Elementary		
Montgomery	New Hampshire Estates Elementary				
St. Mary's	George Washington Carver Elementary				
Wicomico	Pemberton Elementary		Pinehurst Elementary		
Worcester	Pocomoke Elementary				
School administrators can contact their county's Food and Nutrition Services Department for more information or to sign up.					

## School Breakfast Report Cards

The following school breakfast report cards evaluate the state of Maryland and each public school system in three areas: low-income student participation, utilization of Maryland Meals for Achievement, and participation in the Community Eligibility Provision.

Data for this report were provided by the Maryland State Department of Education on the October 31, 2016 enrollment report, the 2018 CEP report, and through several data requests from Maryland Hunger Solutions.<sup>11</sup>



**Table 2. Grading Rubric for School Breakfast Report**

	Percentage of Low-Income Students Participating in Breakfast	Percentage of Eligible Schools Participating in or on Waiting List for Maryland Meals for Achievement	Percentage of Eligible Schools Participating in Community Eligibility
<b>A+</b>	69–100	94–100	90–100
<b>A</b>	65–68	89–93	80–89
<b>A-</b>	61–64	85–88	70–79
<b>B+</b>	58–60	80–84	60–69
<b>B</b>	54–57	70–79	50–59
<b>B-</b>	50–53	60–69	40–49
<b>C+</b>	48–49	50–59	30–39
<b>C</b>	44–47	40–49	20–29
<b>C-</b>	41–43	30–39	10–19
<b>Time to Act</b>	0–40	0–29	0–9

## Low-Income Student Participation Grade

This grade reflects the percentage of low-income students in the school district that participate in the School Breakfast Program and is an indication of how well the district is ensuring access for those most in need.

A student that is certified for free or reduced-price school meals is considered **low-income**.<sup>5</sup> Most children are certified for free or reduced-price meals via applications collected by the school district at the beginning of the school year or during the year. However, children in households participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), as well as foster youth, migrant, homeless, or runaway youth, and Head Start participants are “categorically eligible” (automatically eligible) for free school meals and can be certified without submitting a school meal application. School districts are required to “directly certify” without application children in households participating in SNAP for free school meals through data matching of SNAP records with school enrollment lists. Schools districts should also use data from the state to certify other categorically eligible students and they can coordinate with other personnel, such as the school district’s homeless and migrant education liaisons, to obtain documentation to certify children for free school meals.

The Average Daily Participation (ADP) of low-income students in the district’s School Breakfast Program was divided by the total enrollment of low-income students in school year 2016-2017 to determine this percentage. Data for school year 2016–2017 do not include the summer months of June, July, and August in the ADP calculations.

**Table 3. Low-Income Student Participation Grades**

<b>School District</b>	<b>Percentage of Low-Income Students Participating in School Breakfast<sup>12</sup></b>	<b>Grade for Low-Income Student Participation in School Breakfast</b>
Kent	73%	A+
Somerset	73%	A+
Caroline	71%	A+
Garrett	63%	A-
Dorchester	63%	A-
Charles	59%	B+
Washington	58%	B+
Cecil	54%	B
Prince George's	53%	B-
Anne Arundel	52%	B-
Allegany	51%	B-
Wicomico	50%	B-
Baltimore County	49%	C+
St. Mary's	49%	C+
Harford	49%	C+
Montgomery	49%	C+
Talbot	48%	C+
Worcester	44%	C
Baltimore City	42%	C-
Frederick	38%	Time to Act
Howard	37%	Time to Act
Queen Anne's	36%	Time to Act
Carroll	36%	Time to Act
Calvert	23%	Time to Act
<b>State of Maryland</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>C+</b>

## Maryland Meals for Achievement Grade

**Maryland Meals for Achievement** provides state funding to supplement federal school meal reimbursements so that schools can offer breakfast in the classroom for all students at no charge. A school is eligible when at least 40 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

This grade is based on the percentage of Maryland Meals for Achievement-eligible schools in the school district that are participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement in the 2016-2017 school year.<sup>11</sup> Due to insufficient state funding to meet demand for Maryland Meals for Achievement, hundreds of schools are eligible but not able to participate. Therefore, this grade reflects both schools participating in 2016-2017 and schools on the 2017-2018 waiting list to participate.

School district report cards list schools that are eligible, but not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement. These lists are based on eligibility in the 2017-2018 school year, the most current data available.



**Table 4. Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) Grades**

School District	MMFA-Eligible Schools	MMFA Schools		MMFA-Eligible Schools Enrolled or on Waiting List	MMFA Grade
		With Funding	On Waiting List		
Carroll	4	4	1	100%	A+
St. Mary's	9	9	1	100%	A+
Caroline	11	11	-	100%	A+
Queen Anne's	3	3	-	100%	A+
Talbot	5	5	-	100%	A+
Anne Arundel	49	46	3	100%	A+
Montgomery	89	79	10	100%	A+
Howard	19	16	3	100%	A+
Harford	17	13	4	100%	A+
Worcester	8	6	2	100%	A+
Dorchester	11	8	2	91%	A
Garrett	10	9	0	90%	A
Washington	30	24	3	90%	A
Charles	17	14	1	88%	A-
Kent	7	6	0	86%	A-
Cecil	19	14	2	84%	B+
Baltimore Co.	108	66	18	78%	B
Frederick	19	12	2	74%	B
Somerset	9	5	0	56%	C+
Allegany	22	11	1	55%	C+
Prince George's	166	85	4	54%	C+
Wicomico	25	10	3	52%	C+
Baltimore City	173	0	0	0%	Time to Act
Calvert	3	0	0	0%	Time to Act
<b>State of Maryland</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>60</b>	55% of all eligible schools are enrolled in MMFA	
				62% of all eligible schools are enrolled or on the waiting list	

## Community Eligibility Provision Grade

This grade measures the percentage of eligible schools that are participating in **the Community Eligibility Provision**. The grade is determined by comparing the number of schools in the district that are using this federal school meal funding option with the number of schools that individually meet the eligibility threshold in the 2017-2018 school year.<sup>11</sup>

Schools with at least 40 percent of directly certified students are eligible to elect community eligibility. Students directly certified for free school meals include those living in households that participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Directly certified students also include foster, migrant, homeless, or runaway youth, and Head Start participants. While schools with fewer than 40 percent directly certified students may also participate if they are grouped with other schools, they are not considered “eligible” in this report.

In table five, the number of schools participating in CEP may be greater than the number of schools that are eligible. Eligibility varies by school year, but an eligible school that elects CEP can remain in the program for four years.

**Table 5. Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Grades**

School District	CEP Eligible Schools	Schools with CEP	Percentage of Eligible Schools With CEP	CEP Grade
Baltimore City	177	177	100%	A+
	DISTRICT WIDE CEP			
Dorchester	12	12	100%	A+
	DISTRICT WIDE CEP			
Somerset	9	9	100%	A+
	DISTRICT WIDE CEP			
Howard	0	2	100%	A+
Washington	6	11	100%	A+
Frederick	1	3	100%	A+
Garrett	1	1	100%	A+
Prince George's	10	11	100%	A+
Cecil	6	4	67%	B+
Wicomico	11	5	45%	B-
Baltimore County	22	4	18%	C-
Allegany*	12* / 24*	0	0%	Time to Act
Anne Arundel	7	0	0%	Time to Act
Montgomery	6	0	0%	Time to Act
Harford	5	0	0%	Time to Act
Carroll	3	0	0%	Time to Act
Charles	3	0	0%	Time to Act
Caroline	3	0	0%	Time to Act
Kent	2	0	0%	Time to Act
St. Mary's	2	0	0%	Time to Act
Worcester	2	0	0%	Time to Act
Calvert	0	0	-	n/a
Queen Anne's	0	0	-	n/a
Talbot	0	0	-	n/a
State of Maryland	312	239	77%	A-
*Allegany County has 12 schools that are individually CEP-eligible and the district is also eligible to elect CEP district wide for all 24 schools.				

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# School Breakfast Report Cards for Maryland and Each Maryland School District



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## State of Maryland

### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **49 percent** of the 393,918 low-income students in Maryland's public schools participated in school breakfast. Maryland can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.

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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, just 55 percent, or 456 out of 833 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. This grade also reflects the 60 schools on the 2017-2018 waiting list, which increases the state's score to 62 percent.

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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. In the 2017-2018 school year, 77 percent, or 239 out of the 312 eligible schools participated in this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools. Three school districts are using community eligibility district-wide for all schools in the district. These include all 9 schools in Somerset County, all 177 schools in Baltimore City, and all 12 schools in Dorchester County. Allegany County is also eligible to elect community eligibility **district-wide for all schools**. The following schools are among those that are eligible, but not currently participating in community eligibility.

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<b>Allegany</b>	<b>Eligible district-wide</b>	Eckhart Alt. Program	George's Creek Elementary
	John Humbird Elementary	South Penn Elementary	Westernport Elementary
<b>Anne Arundel</b>	Eastport Elementary	Georgetown East Elem.	Mary Moss @ J.A.A.A
<b>Baltimore County</b>	Deep Creek Elementary	Dundalk Elementary	
<b>Caroline</b>	Family Support Center	Federalsburg Elementary	Judy Center E. Headstart
<b>Charles</b>	Dr. S.A. Mudd Elementary	Indian Head Elementary	Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elem.
<b>Harford</b>	Halls Cross Roads Elementary		
<b>Kent</b>	H.H. Garnett Elementary		
<b>St. Mary's</b>	George Washington Carver Elementary		
<b>Wicomico</b>	Choices Academy	E. Salisbury Elementary	Pemberton Elementary
	Pinehurst Elementary		



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Allegany County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **51 percent** of the 4,845 low-income students in Allegany County participated in school breakfast. Allegany County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, just 55 percent, or 12 out of 22 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following schools are currently eligible based on 2017-2018 data but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



Beall Elementary  
Bel Air Elementary  
Braddock Middle  
Eckhart Alternative Program  
Ft. Hill High  
John Humbird Elementary

Mt. Savage Elementary  
Mt. Savage Middle  
Parkside School  
Transition Program at Cumberland  
West Side Elementary\* (on waiting list)

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



Although the following schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility, there are not yet any schools in Allegany County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools. In addition, **Allegany County is eligible to elect community eligibility district-wide for all 24 schools.**

Cash Valley  
Eckhart Alt. Program  
Flintstone School  
George's Creek Elementary  
John Humbird Elementary  
Northeast Elementary

Parkside School  
South Penn Elementary  
Washington Middle  
West Side Elementary  
Westernport Elementary  
Westmar Middle



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Anne Arundel County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **52 percent** of the 25,837 low-income students in Anne Arundel County participated in school breakfast. Anne Arundel County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Anne Arundel County, nearly all of the 49 eligible schools benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. In the 2016-2017 school year, 46 schools participated and the following three schools were on the waiting list.

Central Special Education Center\* (on waiting list)  
Glen Burnie Senior High\* (on waiting list)  
Tracey's Elementary\* (on waiting list)



### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Although the following seven schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in the 2017-2018 school year, there are not yet any schools in Anne Arundel County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Annapolis Elementary  
Eastport Elementary  
Georgetown East Elementary  
Mary Moss @ J. Albert Adams Academy

Mills Parole Elementary  
Phoenix Academy  
Van Bokkelen Elementary





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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Baltimore City

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **42 percent** of the 71,240 low-income students in Baltimore City participated in school breakfast. Baltimore City can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, there are no schools in Baltimore City that benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. Nearly all schools in the district are eligible, but none of these 173 schools are currently participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



With district-wide implementation of community eligibility, all breakfast meals are free to all students. The remaining barriers to participation – timing and stigma – can be removed by offering breakfast after the bell and/or breakfast in the classroom. Taking these steps will increase access to school breakfast and result in healthier students and better learners.

### Community Eligibility Provision

Baltimore City Public Schools are commended for electing the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide since the 2015-2016 school year. This federal option allows all schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. As a result, all students in Baltimore City attend a Hunger-Free School!







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# School Breakfast Report Card

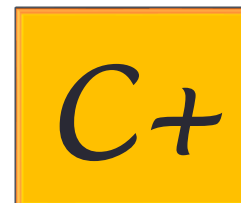
## Baltimore County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **49 percent** of the 50,854 low-income students in Baltimore County participated in school breakfast. Baltimore County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, 78 percent, or 84 out of 108 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, but are not participating.



Arbutus Elementary*	Glyndon Elementary*	Orems Elementary*	Relay Elementary*
Arbutus Middle	Grange Elementary*	Overlea High	Sparrows Point Middle
Carney Elementary*	Harford Hills Elementary	Owings Mills High	Timber Grove Elem.*
Catonsville Cntr. for Alt.	Kenwood High	Parkville High	Westowne Elementary
Cedarmere Elementary*	Lansdowne High	Parkville Middle	Winand Elementary*
Chesapeake High	Meadowood Edu. Center	Patapsco High	Woodbridge Elementary
Deer Park Middle	Middleborough Elementary*	Pikesville Middle	Woodholme Elementary*
Dundalk High	Milford Mill Academy	Pot Spring Elementary*	Woodlawn High
Essex Elementary*	New Town High	Randallstown High	
Franklin Middle	Northwest Acad. Health	Red House Run Elem.*	
Fullerton Elementary*	Oakleigh Elementary*	Reisterstown Elem.*	<b>*Schools on the waiting list</b>

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Just 18 percent, or four of the 22 eligible Baltimore County schools, elected community eligibility beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. These schools include Dundalk High, Dundalk Middle, Hawthorne Elementary, and Riverview Elementary. The following schools in Baltimore County are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, and could also benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.



Battle Grove Elementary	Deep Creek Elementary	Halstead Academy	Rosedale Center
Bear Creek Elementary	Deep Creek Middle	Lansdowne Elementary	Sandalwood Elementary
Berkshire Elementary	Dundalk Elementary	Logan Elementary	Sandy Plains Elementary
Charlesmont Elementary	General J. Stricker Middle	Mars Estates Elementary	Sussex Elementary
Chase Elementary	Halethorpe Elementary	Martin Blvd. Elementary	



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Calvert County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **23 percent** of the 3,478 low-income students in Calvert County participated in school breakfast.

Ranking last in the state, Calvert County can do much more to ensure that low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.

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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

Calvert County is the only district in Maryland that does not participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program.

Patuxent Appeal Elementary is the only school that is currently eligible to participate in the 2017-2018 school year.

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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

There are no schools in Calvert County that meet the eligibility criteria to participate in this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Caroline County

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### Low-Income Student Participation



During the 2016-2017 school year, an impressive **71 percent** of the 3,263 low-income students in Caroline County participated in school breakfast.

Caroline County ranks in the top three statewide in ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Caroline County, 100 percent, or all 11 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year.



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



Although the following three schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in 2017-2018, there are not yet any schools in Caroline County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Family Support Center  
Federalsburg Elementary  
Judy Center Early Headstart

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Carroll County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **36 percent** of the 5,049 low-income students in Carroll County participated in school breakfast. Carroll County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Carroll County, 100 percent of eligible schools benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. During the 2016-2017 school year, all four eligible Carroll County schools participated in the program. Elmer A. Wolfe Elementary is on the 2017-2018 program waiting list.



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



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Although the following three schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in 2017-2018, there are not yet any schools in Carroll County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Crossroads Middle  
Robert Moton Elementary  
Taneytown Elementary

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Cecil County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, **54 percent** of the 6,909 low-income students in Cecil County participated in school breakfast. Cecil County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, 84 percent, or 16 out of 19 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following schools are eligible based on 2017-2018 data, but are not currently participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



Cecil Alternative Program – The Providence School  
Cherry Hill Middle\* (on waiting list)  
High Road School of Cecil County  
Perryville Elementary\* (on waiting list)

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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



The following four schools in Cecil County are using community eligibility: CAP The Providence School (beginning 2016-2017); and Gilpin Manor Elementary, Holly Hall Elementary, and Thomson Estates Elementary (beginning 2017-2018). The following two schools are also individually eligible to elect community eligibility and become Hunger-Free Schools based on 2017-2018 data.

Elkton Middle  
North East Elementary

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Charles County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, **59 percent** of the 9,526 low-income students in Charles County participated in school breakfast. Charles County ranks sixth in the state in ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In the 2016-2017 school year, 88 percent, or 15 out of 17 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program.



Thomas Stone High School is the only school in the district that is not participating and is currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 school year data, and the school is on the 2017-2018 program waiting list.

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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Although the following three schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility based on 2017-2018 school year data, there are not yet any schools in Charles County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary  
Indian Head Elementary  
Mt Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary





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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Dorchester County

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### Low-Income Student Participation ★

During the 2016-2017 school year, **63 percent** of the 3,209 low-income students in Dorchester County participated in school breakfast. Dorchester County ranks fifth in the state in ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, 91 percent, or 10 out of 11 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following three schools are currently eligible for Maryland Meals for Achievement, based on 2017-2018 data, but are not participating.

Cambridge-South Dorchester High\* (on waiting list)  
New Directions Learning Academy  
North Dorchester High\* (on waiting list)



### Community Eligibility Provision ★

Dorchester County Schools are commended for electing the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. This federal option allows all schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. As a result, all students in Dorchester County attend a Hunger-Free School.



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Frederick County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **38 percent** of the 11,098 low-income students in Frederick County participated in school breakfast. Frederick County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, 74 percent, or 14 out of 19 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following schools are currently eligible, but not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement, based on 2017-2018 school year data.

Emmitsburg School  
Frederick High  
Monocacy Middle\* (on waiting list)  
Orchard Grove Elementary\* (on waiting list)  
Rock Creek School



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



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During the 2017-2018 school year, all eligible schools in Frederick County are benefitting from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools. As a result, all students in Heath Ridge High, Heather Ridge Middle, and Waverley Elementary attend a Hunger-Free School.

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Garrett County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, **63 percent** of the 1,938 low-income students in Garrett County participated in school breakfast. Garrett County ranks fourth in the state for ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, 90 percent, or 9 out of 10 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. Dennett Road is the only school in the district that is currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, but not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. The one school in Garrett County that is eligible during the 2017-2018 school year, Dennett Road, is currently benefitting from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.



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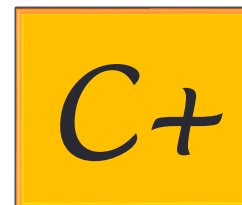
## Harford County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **49 percent** of the 11,644 low-income students in Harford County participated in school breakfast. Harford County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

During the 2016-2017 school year, all 17 eligible schools either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 school year data, but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



Center for Educational Opportunity  
Edgewood High\* (on waiting list)  
John Archer School\* (on waiting list)  
Joppatowne High\* (on waiting list)  
Roye-Williams Elementary\* (on waiting list)

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Although the following five schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in 2017-2018, there are not yet any schools in Harford County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Center for Educational Opportunity  
G.D. Lisby Elementary Hillsdale  
Halls Cross Roads Elementary  
Magnolia Elementary  
William Paca Old Post





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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Howard County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **37 percent** of the 12,177 low-income students in Howard County participated in school breakfast.

Howard County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Howard County, all 19 eligible schools either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program in the 2016-2017 school year. All of the following schools are currently eligible based on 2017-2018 school year data, and are on the program waiting list.

Deep Run Elementary\* (on waiting list)  
Oakland Mills High\* (on waiting list)  
Thomas Viaduct Middle\* (on waiting list)



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Although many schools in Howard County are not eligible for this program, all schools can offer breakfast after the bell and/or breakfast in the classroom. Taking these steps will increase access to school breakfast and result in healthier students and better learners.

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### Community Eligibility Provision



Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

During the 2017-2018 school year, all eligible schools in Howard County are benefitting from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

As a result, all students in Bryant Woods Elementary and Homewood School attend a Hunger-Free School.



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Kent County

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### Low-Income Student Participation



During the 2016-2017 school year, an impressive **73 percent** of the 1,062 low-income students in Kent County participated in school breakfast. Kent County is the best in the state in ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Kent County, 86 percent, or 6 out of 7 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program in the 2016-2017 school year. Based on 2017-2018 school year data, Kent County High School is eligible, but not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



Although the following two schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in the 2017-2018 school year, there are not yet any schools in Kent County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

H.H. Garnett Elementary  
Rock Hall Elementary

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Montgomery County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **49 percent** of the 55,027 low-income students in Montgomery County participated in school breakfast. Montgomery County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Montgomery County, all 89 eligible schools either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, but are not participating.



Blair G Ewing Center\* (on waiting list)

Carl Sandburg Learning Center\* (on waiting list)

Fields Road Elementary\* (on waiting list)

Foundation School of Montgomery County

Fox Chapel Elementary\* (on waiting list)

Gaithersburg High\* (on waiting list)

Highland View Elem.\* (on waiting list)

Northwood High\* (on waiting list)

Redland Middle\* (on waiting list)

Springbrook High\* (on waiting list)

Wheaton High\* (on waiting list)

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



Although the following schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility, no schools in Montgomery County benefited from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools in the 2017-2018 school year.

Blair G. Ewing Center

Foundation School of Montgomery County

Gaithersburg Elementary

New Hampshire Estates Elementary

South Lake Elementary

Watkins Mill Elementary



# School Breakfast Report Card

## Prince George's County

### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **53 percent** of the 81,069 low-income students in Prince George's County participated in school breakfast. Prince George's County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Prince George's County, just 54 percent, or 89 out of 166 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, but are not participating.



Adelphi Elementary  
Alternative High\*  
Andrew Jackson Academy  
Barack Obama Elementary  
Beacon Heights Elementary  
Benjamin Stoddert Middle  
Bladensburg High  
Buck Lodge Middle  
Calverton Elementary  
Carrollton Elementary  
Central High  
Cesar Chavez Elementary  
Charles Carroll Middle  
Cherokee Lane Elementary  
Clinton Grove Elementary  
Croom Vocational  
Crossland High  
Dodge Park Elementary  
Drew Freeman Middle  
Duval High

Dwight Eisenhower Middle  
Edward M. Felegy Elementary  
Ernest Everett Just Middle  
Fairmont Heights High  
Frances Fuchs Early Childhood  
Friendly High  
G. James Ghoullson Middle  
Gladys N. Spellman Elementary  
Glenarden Woods Elementary  
Glenn Dale Elementary  
Glenridge Elementary  
Green Valley Instructional  
Greenbelt Middle  
High Bridge Elementary  
High Point High  
Hyattsville Middle  
Int'l High @ Langley Park\*  
Int'l High @ Largo\*  
Isaac J. Gourdine Middle  
James E Duckworth Regional

James Madison Middle James  
McHenry Elementary James  
Ryder Randall Elem.  
Kenmoor Middle  
Kettering Middle  
Lamont Elementary  
Langley Park/McCormick Elem.  
Largo High  
Laurel High  
Lewisdale Elementary  
Lincoln Charter School  
Margaret Brent Regional Center  
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle  
Mt. Rainier Elementary  
Nicholas Orem Middle  
Northview Elementary  
Northwestern High  
Oxon Hill High  
Oxon Hill Middle  
Parkdale High

Pointer Ridge Elementary  
Port Towns Elementary Potomac  
High Riverdale Elementary  
Robert Frost Elementary  
Roger Heights Elementary  
Seat Pleasant Elementary  
Springhill Lake Elem.  
Suitland High  
Surrattsville High  
Tall Oaks High  
Templeton Elementary  
Thomas Johnson Middle  
Thomas Pullen School  
Thomas S. Stone Elem.  
Thurgood Marshall Middle  
Walker Mill Middle  
William Paca Elementary  
William Wirt Middle

\* Schools on the waiting list

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. Eleven schools in Prince George's County are using community eligibility in the 2017-2018 school year. The following schools are also individually eligible to elect community eligibility and become Hunger-Free Schools.



Croom Vocational  
Doswell E. Brooks Elementary

J. Frank Dent Elementary  
Longfields Elementary



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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Queen Anne's County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **36 percent** of the 2,008 low-income students in Queen Anne's County participated in school breakfast. Queen Anne's County ranks 22<sup>nd</sup> in the state and can do much more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.

*Time  
to Act*

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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Queen Anne's County, 100 percent of the three eligible schools benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year. These schools include Anchor Point Academy, Sudlersville Elementary, and Sudlersville Middle. In these schools, **68 percent** of low-income students participate in school breakfast.

*A+*

In the twelve Queen Anne's County schools *without* Maryland Meal for Achievement, just 27 percent of low-income students participate in school breakfast. Although these twelve schools are not eligible for the state-funding, offering breakfast after the bell and/or breakfast in the classroom will increase access to school breakfast and therefore increase low-income student participation.

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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

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During the 2017-2018 school year, none of the schools in Queen Anne's County are eligible to participate in this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Somerset County

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### Low-Income Student Participation ★

During the 2016-2017 school year, **73 percent** of the 2,473 low-income students in Somerset County participated in school breakfast. Somerset County leads the state in ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Somerset County, 56 percent, or 5 out of 9 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year.

The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 school year data, but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.

Crisfield High  
Ewell Elementary  
J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center  
Somerset Promise Academy  
Washington High



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### Community Eligibility Provision ★

Somerset County Public Schools are commended for electing the Community Eligibility Provision districtwide. This federal option allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. As a result of the Community Eligibility Provision, all students in Somerset County attend a Hunger-Free School!







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# School Breakfast Report Card

## St. Mary's County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **49 percent** of the 5,865 low-income students in St. Mary's County participated in school breakfast. St. Mary's County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In St. Mary's County, all of the 9 eligible schools benefit from or are on the waiting list for the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program in the 2016-2017 school year. Great Mills High School is currently eligible to participate in Maryland Meals for Achievement and is on the 2017-2018 waiting list.



### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Although the following two schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility, there are not yet any schools in St. Mary's County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

George Washington Carver Elementary  
Lexington Park Elementary





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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Talbot County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **48 percent** of the 2,007 low-income students in Talbot County participated in school breakfast. Talbot County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Talbot County, 100 percent of the five eligible schools benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year.

Although the remaining four schools in Talbot County are not eligible for this state-funding, all schools can offer breakfast after the bell and/or breakfast in the classroom. Taking these steps will increase access to school breakfast and result in healthier students and better learners.



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



During the 2017-2018 school year, none of the schools in Talbot County are eligible to participate in this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Washington County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, **58 percent** of the 11,466 low-income students in Washington County participated in school breakfast. Washington County ranks seventh in the state for ensuring that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Washington County, about 90 percent, or 27 out of 30 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 school year data, but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



Antietam Academy

Fountain Rock Elem.\* (on waiting list)

Jonathan Hager Elem.\* (on waiting list)

Marshall Street Education Center

Potomac Heights Elementary\* (on waiting list)

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



During the 2017-2018 school year, all eligible schools in Washington County are benefitting from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools. The eleven Hunger-Free Schools include: Ruth Ann Monroe Primary, Washington Co Job Development Center, Eastern Elementary, Bester Elementary, Pangborn Elementary, Antietam Academy, Salem Avenue Elementary, Marshall Street Education Center, Lincolnshire Elementary, Hickory Elementary, and Washington County Family Center.

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Wicomico County

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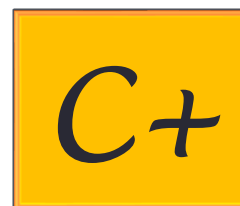
### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **50 percent** of the 9,042 low-income students in Wicomico County participated in school breakfast. Wicomico County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Wicomico County, just 52 percent, or 13 out of 25 eligible schools, either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program during the 2016-2017 school year. The following schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 data, but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.



Bennett Middle	Parkside High
Delmar Elementary	Pittsville Elementary/Middle
East Salisbury Elementary	Salisbury Middle
Fruitland Intermediate* (on waiting list)	Westside Primary* (on waiting list)
Fruitland Primary* (on waiting list)	Wicomico Alternative Center
James M. Bennett High	Wicomico High
Northwestern Elementary	Wicomico Middle

### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.



The following five Wicomico County schools have elected community eligibility and are Hunger-Free Schools: Beaver Run Elementary School (began in 2017-2018), Charles H. Chipman Elementary, Glen Avenue Elementary, Prince Street Elementary, and Wicomico Early Learning Center (began in 2017-2018). Based on 2017-2018 school year data, the following six schools are also individually eligible to participate.

Bennett Middle	Pemberton Elementary
Choices Academy	Pinehurst Elementary
East Salisbury Elementary	Wicomico Middle

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# School Breakfast Report Card

## Worcester County

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### Low-Income Student Participation

During the 2016-2017 school year, just **44 percent** of the 2,832 low-income students in Worcester County participated in school breakfast. Worcester County can do more to ensure that all low-income students have access to a nutritious school breakfast so they can start the day ready to learn.



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### Maryland Meals for Achievement

In Worcester County, all 8 eligible schools either benefit from or are on the waiting list to participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement state-funded breakfast in the classroom program in the 2016-2017 school year. The following two schools are currently eligible, based on 2017-2018 school year data, but are not participating in Maryland Meals for Achievement.

Pocomoke High\* (on waiting list)  
Snow Hill Senior High\* (on waiting list)



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### Community Eligibility Provision

Schools can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing the Community Eligibility Provision – a federal option that allows high-need schools to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge.

Although the following two schools are individually eligible to elect community eligibility in the 2017-2018 school year, there are not yet any schools in Worcester County that benefit from this federal option that creates Hunger-Free Schools.

Pocomoke Elementary  
Pocomoke Middle





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