

Beginning in 2019, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will not publish a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) data template for the annual statutory notification and publication requirements.

However, regulations at 7 CFR 245.9(f)(5)(i)-(iii) and 7 CFR 245.9(f)(6)(i) require:

- Local educational agencies (LEAs) to annually submit school-level eligibility data to the State agency by April 15; and
- State agencies to annually
 - Notify LEAs of district-wide eligibility for CEP by April 15;
 - Publish lists of eligible and near-eligible LEAs and schools on their State agency websites by May 1; and
 - Submit these lists to FNS by May 1 for publication on [FNS' CEP website](#).

To comply with notification and publication requirements in 2019 and going forward, States may continue to use the [most recent USDA data template](#) (also attached) or they may use a different format to share and post required information about eligible and participating CEP LEAs and schools.

If interested in becoming CEP, please notify Arkansas Department of Human Services by the April 15th deadline.