



Special Provision Options in Arizona

Special Provision Options offer children in participating schools access to breakfast and lunch each school day at no cost. This resource is intended to outline the different Special Provision Options available to eligible operators in Arizona.

PROVISION TYPE	SPECIFIC FEATURES	FEATURES OF ALL
PROVISION 2 Reduces eligibility certifications to once every 4 years; claiming is based on derived percentages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base Year + 3 Non-Base Years.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Base Year: Normal operation. Non-pricing.◦ Non-Base Year: No new eligibility determinations, school counts only the total number of reimbursable meals served each day.• Option to apply for an Extension.• Reimbursement is determined by applying the percentages of free, reduced, and paid meals served during the corresponding month of the base year to the total meal count for the claiming month.• Can operate at breakfast and/or lunch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meals must be served at no charge.• Schools must pay the difference between Federal reimbursement and the cost of serving meals at no charge to all students with funds from non-Federal sources. <div><p>For more information about applying, implementing, and operating a Special Provision Option in Arizona, please review the trainings available on the Arizona Department of Education Health and Nutrition Services Training webpage: azed.gov/hns/nslp/training.</p></div>
PROVISION 3 Reduces eligibility certifications to once every 5 years; claiming is based on prior funding levels. <i>Provision 3 is recommended when the Local Education Agency (LEA) has a more stable population, such as a boarding school.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base Year + 4 Non-Base Years.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Base Year: Normal operation. Non-pricing or pricing.◦ Non-Base Year: No new eligibility determinations. School counts only the total number of reimbursable meals served each day.• Option to apply for an Extension.• Reimbursement is based on the level of Federal cash and commodity support paid to the school in their base year adjusted for changes in enrollment and inflation.• Can operate at breakfast and/or lunch.	
COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) Eliminates household applications in high poverty LEAs and schools; claiming is based on the ISP ($ISP \times 1.6 =$ % of meals claimed at the Federal free rate and remainder at the paid rate).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Base Year. 4-Year Cycle.• Reimbursement is based on claiming percentages derived from the percentage of identified students multiplied by a factor of 1.6.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Identified Student Percentage (ISP) refers to the percent of enrolled students who are directly certified (<i>matches in CNP Direct Certification, Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, Foster with Notice to Provider</i>).• Claiming percentages are guaranteed for 4 school years and may be increased if the ISP increases.• Only available to LEAs and schools with an ISP that is greater than or equal to 25% (individually or grouped) as of April 1 of the year prior to participating in CEP.• Must operate breakfast and lunch.	