

## Waiver of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Deadlines

On March 25, the USDA sent a nationwide waiver that extends the regulatory CEP deadlines during the public health emergency due to COVID-19. This waiver is automatically applied to all schools in Montana without further application.

This waiver makes the following adjustments to the annual CEP deadlines.

CEP Requirement	Annual Deadline	Updated Waiver Deadline
Data Used to Calculate CEP	April 1	Anytime between April 1 - June 30, 2020
LEA Notification	April 15	June 15, 2020
State Agency Notification	April 15	June 15, 2020
State Agency Publication	May 1	June 30, 2020
Elect CEP for Following SY	June 30	August 31, 2020

What does this mean for Montana school districts? Your schools may use student data anytime between April 1 to June 30, 2020 to establish the Identified Student Percent students.

- DCA captures snapshot reports of students who are directly certified.
- OPI will review the snapshot report for April 1 to determine the CEP proxy data.
- The Notification of CEP eligibility for LEAs in the following categories:
  - ✓ LEAs with district-wide ISP of at least 40 percent (eligible for CEP).
  - ✓ LEAs with district-wide ISP between 30-39 percent (near-eligible for CEP).
  - ✓ LEAs currently participating in CEP.
- The State Agency Notification of proxy data will be sent by **June 15, 2020**.
- LEAs may review data in DCA and save direct certification reports that exceed those captured in the snapshot report.
- If your district can certify that it has saved higher direct certification data for anytime between April 1 – June 30, 2020 to support the ISP percentages, the school's data will be used for the State Agencies Notification of CEP Eligibility Report.
- Use the ISP Correction and Reporting Form located in MAPS Download Forms to report ISP percentages that exceed the OPI proxy data.