

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
Questions asked during the Technical Assistance Webinar
Friday, April 8, 2016

Q: *Are private schools still eligible?*

A: Yes, as long as they meet the definition of an elementary school.

Q: *If a CEP school's ISP x 1.6 is over 100 % will the percentage over 100% be used in the grant application?*

A: You will use 100% as your rate.

Q: *We have CD age students at our Elementary School; that is below Kindergarten level. Do we still qualify as an Elementary School?*

A: If your school meets this definition, you are eligible. The Code of Laws of South Carolina defines an elementary school as “any public school which contains grades no lower than kindergarten and no higher than eighth.”

Q: *I'm not sure I understand SAM?*

A: The System for Award Management (SAM) is “the Official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA, and EPLS.” All entities receiving federal awards must be registered and active in SAM prior to submitting an application. Check with your finance office to ensure your school is current and active in SAM.

Q: *Will TIN be needed?*

A: Yes, your school’s tax identification number (TIN) must be included in your application for funding. Check with your finance office to get this number.

Q: *I know the eligibility for FFVP is 50% for free/reduced, but I have noted the threshold of awards has been at about 80%. Is that still pretty much the rule of thumb for this year for SCDE?*

A: The cut-off threshold can change from year to year depending on the schools that apply, the schools’ enrollment, and the variance in percentages across the total applications received. Even if you school is at 80% or below, you are encouraged to submit an application.

Q: *Does there need to be a signature for each position of the signature page?*

A: If you are a residential child care center and do not have some of these positions, you can mark those fields not applicable (NA).

Q: *What method are you using to rank the poverty level in schools?*

A: The percentage of free and reduced-price lunch as reflected on the March 2016 Meal Count Data by Site (SNP Lunch) report in SCAPS.

Q: *What is CEP?*

A: Community Eligibility Provision

Q: *What if the school is CEP?*

A: Since the 1.6 multiplier is intended to provide an estimate of the total number of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals in eligible schools, the product of the Identified Student Percentage (ISP) multiplied by 1.6 will be used for the purpose of awarding FFVP funds. Schools in school districts electing Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the entire school district or as part of a group of schools electing CEP with a shared Identified Student Percentage (ISP) must still use the individual school CEP percentage for purposes of awarding FFVP funds.

Q: *We will use the April 1, 2016 data for CEP schools?*

A: No, the March 2016 data will be used.

Q: *If the central office file is at the central office, can the school level contact be a central office employee?*

A: The grant file must be centrally located within the office that is administering the grant. The school-level contact person will serve as the team leader for the FFVP at the school level. Therefore, the central office file (also known as “central grant file” or “grant file”) should be located within the contact person’s office or area. All FFVP staff must know where the central file is located and ensure the file is available at any time for monitoring visits or reviews. Files may also be located electronically, but must be accessible to all FFVP staff. Remember to ensure that all personally identifiable information (PII) is protected.