



# Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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**Muskingum County Board of DD Starlight School** announced its 2022-2023 program year policy for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. Starlight School will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision Program (CEP). All students enrolled are eligible for a free breakfast and a free lunch.

**FREE HEALTH CARE:** Families with children eligible for school meals may be eligible for free health care coverage through Medicaid and/or Ohio's Healthy Start & Healthy Families programs. These programs include coverage for doctor visits, immunizations, physicals, prescriptions, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and more. Please call 1-800-324-8680 for more information or to request an application. Information can also be found on the web at <http://ifs.ohio.gov/ohp/consumers/familychild.stm>. Anyone who has an Ohio Medicaid card is already receiving these services.

Foster children are categorically eligible for free meal benefits regardless of the household's income. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals or milk for them, contact the school for more information.

Under the provision of the policy, if we are no longer participating in the CEP Program and applications were filled out, we would review application and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the decision on the application or the result of verification, the decision may be discussed with the determining official on an informal basis. If a formal appeal is desired, the household has the right to a fair hearing. A fair hearing can be requested either orally or in writing from: Kellie Brown, Superintendent, Muskingum County Board of DD 1304 Newark Rd. Zanesville, OH 43701. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

**(2) fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442

**(3) email:** [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov)

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