

Free & Reduced Lunch
Survey
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THE REAL STORY BEHIND FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAMS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS


A CER SURVEY

Charter school opponents claimed this week that charter schools are NOT serving disadvantaged kids. Why did they make this claim? Because new research shows that charter schools aren't serving large percentages of kids who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

We know the truth -- many charter schools have limited or no participation in free or reduced lunch programs . To help us set the record straight, please take a quick moment to answer our online survey question below.

Thank you for your help, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like information on the latest charter school research.

Does your school participate in free and reduced lunch programs
(select one)?

Select your option 

If NO, why not (select one or more)?

- I chose not to apply because of the paperwork
- I choose to feed all of my students
- My request has been delayed by the district
- My request has been delayed by the state
- My request has been delayed by the federal government
- My request was denied based on my student demographics
- My request was denied because my school is a charter school
- My request was denied for some other reason





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If NO, why not (select one or more)?			Number of responses	Response Percentage
I chose not to apply because of the paperwork			25	58%
I choose to feed all of my students			12	27%
My request has been delayed by the district			5	11%
My request has been delayed by the state			3	6%
My request has been delayed by the federal government			1	2%
My request was denied based on my student demographics			1	2%
My request was denied because my school is a charter school			2	4%
My request was denied for some other reason			6	13%
		Total Respondents	43	
		Number of respondents who did not answer	69	