

**Ann Arbor Public School – 2023-2024 School Year
Michigan School Meal Program - Free Breakfast & Lunch
CEP School Information/ Education Benefit Form – Required for ALL Families**

Allen - Abbot - Bryant – Carpenter - Lakewood - Mitchell - Pattengill - Pittsfield - Scarlett - Pathways

Dear AAPS Parents and Guardians,

Your student attends an Ann Arbor Public School that has been certified as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school under the United States Department of Agriculture. This qualification is based on the number of eligible households with incomes that qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch compared to the school enrollment. Even though the State of Michigan is now providing free breakfast and lunch meals for all students, it is important that every family who has a student attending one of the schools listed above fills out the EBF form.

Please take a moment to complete the Education Benefit Form (EBT) application either online through Meal Magic or download the application from the website and return it to your student's school. You can also pick up an application at the school. This application is needed from all AAPS families who have students attending a CEP eligible school because without this information, AAPS could lose important state funding for educational programs that our students are entitled to. These supplemental grants and programs have the potential to offer supports and services for our students including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Instructional staff (ex. Reading Interventionists, Math, Academic and Behavior Aids)
- ✓ Counselors, Social Workers and School Nurses
- ✓ Professional Learning for staff
- ✓ Technology

Here is the link to the [CEP Education Benefit Form application](#)

Why is AAPS requesting financial information?

The CEP/EBT application determines eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine funding amounts that will be made to a school. The more forms returned the better for the school district.

What do I need to do?

Please complete the CEP/EBT form and return it either through the Meal Magic site, or via a hard copy to your school. Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding levels is greatly appreciated. No matter your financial status we need every family to fill out the application.

How will this information be protected?

All financial and student information is protected in the Meal Magic online submission and in locked files, as required by the state and federal government.

What else might my student or household be eligible for?

Based on the information you give on the CEP/EBT application your student may qualify for these programs:

- ✓ Summer Food/EBT
- ✓ Pay to Play or Pay to Participate for athletics
- ✓ Rec & Ed scholarships
- ✓ Potential household support for cable and internet

If you have any questions, please contact bollingere@aaps.k12.mi.us or call 734-994-2265.

Sincerely,

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