



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are so happy to be able to offer every student free breakfast and free lunch every school day this year! Even though meals are free for all students, please keep in mind that we still need the Education Benefits Form completed as it is an important that helps us take care of your child.

Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to your student's school. The Application for Summer EBT and Education Benefits with the Michigan School Meals Program collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, Dexter Community Schools 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 Tutors, Academic & Behavior Aids)
- Teaching supplies and materials
- Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

Why is DCS requesting financial information? The School Meals and Summer EBT Application determines eligibility of a student or household. The total count of eligible students is used to determine the funding amounts that will be made available to a school. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the attached form and return it to Food & Nutrition Services, 2704 Baker Rd, Dexter, MI 48130. Your assistance in helping us maintain our current funding levels is greatly appreciated.

How will this information be protected? All student and family information is strictly confidential and only accessible to those staff who need it.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you gave on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Summer EBT
- Sports fees
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet

You must complete the [Sharing Information with Other Programs form](#), to grant permission for your eligibility information to be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Food & Nutrition Student Account Manager at 734-424-4185 or fnaccts@dexterschools.org.

Sincerely,
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