

Press Release

Sauk Centre Public School 743

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Sauk Centre Public Schools Encourages Families to Fill Out the Application for Educational Benefits

One form. Five minutes. Big impact.

Sauk Centre Public Schools is joining the Minnesota Department of Education's statewide **Fill the Form** campaign to ensure families know why the **Application for Educational Benefits** still matters — even now that school meals are provided at no cost.

"We all want the best for our students, and this simple form helps make that possible," said Superintendent, Don Peschel. "When families complete the Application for Educational Benefits, it does more than connect them to supports like groceries, internet, and academic help. It helps our school access the funding we rely on to serve all students well. In a time when every dollar matters, this small action can have a big impact. We're asking our families to take five minutes to fill it out, because when we all participate, our whole school community benefits."

By completing the Application for Educational Benefits, families may gain access to:

- Summer grocery assistance (Sun Bucks)
- Discounted internet and utility programs
- Fee waivers for ACT, SAT, and AP tests
- Reduced-cost transportation and field trips
- Free or reduced admission to museums and events
- Academic support, tutoring, and after-school programs

The form also helps determine how much state and federal funding Sauk Centre Public Schools receives to support students and services. A drop in applications can impact programs that benefit the entire school community.

The form is quick, confidential, and can be completed online or on paper. Families can get a copy of the form from the school offices or download a copy on the school website at: <https://www.isd743.org/students-families/application-for-benefitswaiver>

#FillTheFormMN #MoreThanMeals