"Education Benefit Form" (Formerly School Meals Application) PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL MEALS FOR 2022-2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to welcome you back for the 2022-2023 school year. We also want to alert families that <u>USDA is not</u> funding free school meals for children this school year, however, White Plains City School District will be offering breakfast, free of charge, for all students K-12. The paid lunch price will be \$3.25.

The District is asking, and encouraging, ALL families to fill out the "Education Benefit Form" (formerly School Meals Application) for school year 2022-2023.

Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals may qualify for other benefits, e.g., reduced, or waived instrument costs, internet connectivity fees and College Application Fees or AP Test Fees. The Education Benefit Form also helps the district and your child's school receive much-needed education funding.

If one or more people in your household receives benefits through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or if your child is classified as homeless, runaway, or migrant, then your child is categorically eligible for free school meals, and you do not need to complete an Education Benefit Form. You should receive notification from your child's school that your child can receive free school meals. If you fall into one of these categories and have not been notified that your child is certified for free school meals, you should contact the School Food and Nutrition Program Office at (914)422-2054.

Families can fill out and submit an Education Benefit Form at any point in the school year. Families can submit a new form if something changes, such as a parent or other member of the household lost their job or had their hours reduced. If all of your children are enrolled in White Plains City School District, you only need to submit one Education Benefit Form; however, families must fill out a new Education Benefit Form each school year.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit www.myschoolapps.com

To get started on your Education Benefit Form for school year 2022-2023.

Choose your preferred language at the top of the page; enter zip code 10605 to find White Plains Public Schools; "Select District & Continue".

We look forward to providing healthy school meals for your child with the goal of helping them learn and grow throughout this school year and beyond.

Thank you,
Dawn McGinn
Director – WPCSD School Food & Nutrition Program

If you need assistance with completing the form, please contact: Milagros Vargas
School Food and Nutrition Program Office Manager
(914) 422-2054
Milagros Vargas@wpcsd.k12.ny.us.

Applications are completely confidential, and do not require a Social Security number, can be completed by all families enrolled in our school district, there is no citizenship requirement – for you or your child – in order to be eligible, and participation has no effect on public charge.

If needed, hard copy, paper forms will be available in your child's school office and can be completed and returned to your school office; the School Food & Nutrition Program office located at White Plains High School; or faxed to (914)422-2394.