



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a result of new legislation and funding from the State, Buckeye Union School District will continue to provide free meals to all students for the 2022-23 school year. However, in order to ensure Buckeye USD receives all available funding this year, ALL families, regardless of family income, are asked to complete a:

- **School Education Benefit Form**
 - Even if your student(s) may not choose to take advantage of our meal services, completing this form will assist our schools to continue qualifying for grants that support every school in Buckeye Union.
 - We ask you to take 2 minutes to complete the FORM at this link: [Education Benefit Form](#)
 - We are requesting that all families complete this confidential and quick form ASAP, but no later than Friday, October 21, 2022.

- **Federal Meal Application**
 - Meal applications help qualify families and the school district for additional services such grants, program funding, athletic waivers, textbooks assistance, and PEBT cards, among others.
 - Families do not qualify for PEBT from the School Education Benefit Form. You need to complete the Federal Meal Application.
 - We ask you to take a few minutes to complete the FORM at this link: [Federal Meal App](#)
 - We are requesting that all families complete this confidential and quick form ASAP, but no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

We are asking for your assistance to ensure that our schools continue to receive all of our eligible State funding to support student programs. Due to changes in how the State collects information regarding participants in our breakfast/lunch service program, we are in jeopardy of losing considerable State funding, which is why we are asking that each family complete the Education Benefit Form. This data also allows us to apply for state and federal grants and programmatic funding

We appreciate your assistance in helping our schools continue to qualify for all eligible funding.

FAQ's

Can a parent/guardian choose not to complete the School Education Benefit Form?

Yes, but it does have negative implications for the funds Buckeye Union School District is entitled to from the State.

Why should I complete this School Education Benefit Form if our income does not qualify us for a free meal?

*A portion of every school's funding, and other resources from the State, are determined by the needs of its students. To help demonstrate that need, all families in Buckeye Union School District are asked to complete one **School Education Benefit Form** per household before Oct. 21, 2022.*

Do I Need to Fill out a School Education Benefit Form for each child?

No, you can fill out one form for multiple children in the same household.

Do I need to complete a meal application since all students will receive free breakfast and lunch?

No, but it also has implications for State funding for Buckeye USD separate from the Education Benefit Form. Families may receive discounted school fees, bus passes, utilities, etc and the Buckeye school district may be eligible to receive grant eligibility, participate in additional programs and receive additional funding. P-EBT cards will only be available to families who have been qualified by a federal meal application or have been notified of being directly certified. You will receive a letter from Nutrition Services letting you know if you have been directly certified prior to school starting. You only fill out one form per family, not per child.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these forms online to ensure that the Buckeye Union School District and your student's school receives the State and Federal funds they are entitled to.



David Roth
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Buckeye Union School District