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Letter to Households in Schools/Districts Participating in
Community Eligibility Provision

September 1, 2026

Dear East Orange School District Parents/Guardians:

- We are pleased to inform you that East Orange School District will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to provide free meals to all students during the 2026-2027 academic school year.
- All enrolled students of the East Orange School District are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no cost to your household each day of the 2026-2027 academic school year.
- This letter is to inform you that your child(ren) will be able to participate in the lunch and breakfast programs without having to pay a fee.
- In order for eligibility to be determined for Summer EBT benefits you must complete the School Meals and Summer EBT Application. Completing the application is also essential for us to provide the Department of Education with the information it needs to ensure our school/district will continue to receive critical state funding.

How to Apply

If your household income falls within the limits shown below, you may be eligible.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
- 2 -	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
- 3 -	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
- 4 -	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
- 5 -	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
- 6 -	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
- 7 -	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
- 8 -	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each add'l household member add	10,508	876	438	405	203

To apply:

1. Complete the meal application**, either** online (if available) or via a paper form.
2. Provide the required household information (names, income sources, household size, etc.).
3. Sign the application. (If the signer does not have a Social Security number, you may write "NONE" or check the box indicating no SSN, as allowed by federal rules.)
4. Submit the application by the deadline, or during the school year if your circumstances change.

Your application must be approved each school year to receive benefits.

If you have any questions, need assistance filling out the application, or require the form in another language, please contact:

Fahim K. Abedrabbo
Assistant School Business Administrator - Operations
East Orange School District
973-862-233-7300, ext. 28207 or fahim.abedrabbo@eastorange.k12.nj.us

We encourage all families who may be eligible to apply. Even if you think you don't qualify, it's worth completing the application — many families are surprised to learn they qualify. Thank you for your attention to this important program, and for helping ensure that all children receive the nutrition they need to succeed in school.

Sincerely,



Fahim K. Abedrabbo
Assistant Business Administrator – Operations

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires that we use information from this application to see who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals. We can only approve complete forms. We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them deliver program benefits to your household. Inspectors and law enforcement may also use your information to make sure that program rules are met.

Please be sure to provide the last four numbers of the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult does not have one, 'Check if no Social Security Number.' Applications for a foster child do not need to list a Social Security number. Applications for children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) do not need to list a Social Security number. Some children qualify for free meals without an application. Please contact your school to get free meals for a foster child, and children who are homeless, migrant, or runaway.

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To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:https://www.usda.gov/oascr/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer-Compliant-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
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(2) fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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