



Sparta Area Schools

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SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS-SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL, SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL, APPLEVIEW, RIDGEVIEW, & SECC

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Please take a moment to complete the Education Benefit form and return it to your student's school. The Education Benefits Form collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. **Without this information, Sparta High School, Sparta Middle School, Appleview, Ridgeview, & ECC could lose important funding for education programs that our students need.** 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 Sparta Area Schools requesting financial information? The Education Benefits Form 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 schools. The more forms returned the better.

What do I need to do? Please complete the ONLINE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM AT <https://sparta.familyportal.cloud/> UNDER THE APPLY FOR BENEFITS TAB. If you are unable to complete the form online please complete the PDF form https://www.spartaschools.org/downloads/food_services/sparta_area_schools_education_benefit_form_2024-25.pdf and return it to Melissa Alley, Food Service Director, melissa.alley@spartaschools.org or 475 W. Spartan Dr. Sparta MI 49345. **Please only complete 1 form per household.**

How will this information be protected? In keeping with current practices, all personal information is confidential and kept in a secure location. Only the food service director/assistant has access to the information unless given permission through the sharing information with other programs form which is completed by the parent or guardian.

What else might my student or household be eligible for? Based on the information you provide on your Education Benefits Form, your child may qualify for other programs such as:

- Pay to play or Pay to Participate
- 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**, which can be found on the district food service webpage at https://www.spartaschools.org/downloads/food_services/2024-25_sharing_information_form.pdf to grant permission for your eligibility information to be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Alley at 616-887-1744

Thank you,
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