Holly Area Schools Food Service Newsletter



What's New in Your Schools?

Welcome to your Food Service newsletter! We are excited to share our story with you!





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School Meals Update 2025-2026

At this time, it is unclear whether school meals will remain free for all students during the 2025–2026 school year. This decision depends on the State of Michigan's school aid budget, which has not yet been finalized.

We are closely monitoring developments in Lansing and will share updates with families as soon as more information becomes available.

In the meantime, we will proceed as we did last year: **all families are required to complete the Educational Benefits form**, regardless of meal eligibility status. This form helps ensure our schools receive important funding and support.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding.

An Educational Benefits Form can be filled out in a few different ways.

- Complete the form during the <u>Skyward Online Verification Process</u>
- Download and print the form from our Food Services site
- Request a paper copy of the form from your student's main office.
- For paper copies, please complete, sign and return to school or mail to: Holly Food Services 920 Baird Street

Holly, MI 48442

Initial applications should be submitted as close to the beginning of the school year as possible. Additional applications may be submitted at any time during the school year if there is a change in a family's income (ex. loss of job, furlough, etc.).

Completing an application helps to ensure additional funding for our school is available to meet the needs of our students. All information on the application is confidential. Without your assistance in completing and returning the application, Holly Area Schools cannot maximize the use of available State and Federal funds.

When school meals are free, extra items such as drinks, extra entrees, and snacks are not included, but will be available for purchase. Student accounts will be used to track meals as well as for extra purchases.

Breakfast is available every school day (including half days) and will be served before and up to the first bell.

Lunch is available each full day of school. Each building level has a unique menu which is available on Nutrislice. <u>Nutrislice</u> delivers all HAS menus through smartphones, email, and the web. You can also download Nutrislice from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android) and search Holly to start viewing menus.

Please contact our office with any questions and we look forward to serving your students this school year!

Important Links

Website:



Menu Link:



Student Accounts:



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM

This form is used to determine eligibility for state benefits for which your child(ren)'s school may qualify. Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's school.

If any member of your household receives benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information – For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – If any household member, including adults, receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), provide the name and case number. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Part C: Household Size - Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Skip this part

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name and date.

If your household <u>does not</u> receive benefits from the Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, please follow these instructions:

Part A: Student Information - For each student in the household Pre-K through 12th grade, list the last name, first name, grade level, school, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if a Foster Child.

Part B: Benefits Received – Skip this part

Part C: Household Size – Check the box for the total number of individuals living in your household. This should include all children and adults, related and un-related, that live in a single dwelling and share income and expenses.

Part D: Annual Household Income – Moving across the same row as the household size check box, check the box that shows the range of annual income for all people in your household. Make sure to include all of the following income sources: work, welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, child income and/or all other income. The amount should be before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Part E: Certification - Sign the form. Print your name, date, and contact information.

EDUCATION BENEFITS FORM SY 2025 - 2026

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School:

Part A: STUDENT INFORMATION - Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Student's Last Name	Student's First Name	Grade Level	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster

Part B: BENEFITS RECEIVED (if applicable)

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Case Number: ____

Name: ____

Part C: Part D: ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - Select the appropriate range of HOUSEHOLD combined annual income for all people in the household (Include all income before SIZE taxes) □ At or below \$20,345 □ Between \$20,346 and \$28,953 □ At or above \$28,954 $\Box 1$ • 2 □ At or below \$27,495 □ Between \$27,496 and \$39,128 □ At or above \$39,129 □ Between \$34,646 and \$49,303 **3** □ At or below \$34,645 □ At or above \$49,304 \rightarrow **4** □ At or below \$41,795 □ Between \$41,796 and \$59,478 □ At or above \$59,479 **□** 5 □ At or below \$48,945 □ Between \$48,946 and \$69,653 □ At or above \$69,654 -**G** □ At or below \$56,095 Between \$56,096 and \$79,828 □ At or above \$79,829 □ Between \$63,246 and \$90,003 **D** 7 □ At or below \$63,245 □ At or above \$90,004 -8 □ At or below \$70,395 □ Between \$70,396 and \$100,178 □ At or above \$100,179 +

* Special Instructions for households with more than 8 people: DO NOT check the boxes above. Instead, fill in items below:

Household size (# people): _____

Total annual income: _

Part E: CERTIFICATION - The head of household or adult designee who completed this form must complete this certification section

I certify (promise) that all information on this form is true and that all income is reported to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this form may impact the amount of State or Federal funding allocated to my local school district. I understand that the information I have provided may be verified.

(Signature)	(Printed Name)	(Date)
(Address)	(City)	(Zip)
(Email Address)	(Home Phone)	(Work Phone)
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Status: F R	N Determining Official's Signature:	Date: