Form #276
June 2026

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lopatcong Township School District announced today that low cost, nutritious school lunches and/or breakfasts and/or milk are available to all students enrolled in the school. Meals, snacks and/or milk will be provided free or at a reduced price to children living in households whose gross incomes are at or below those shown for their household size on the income scale below. The School Meals and Summer EBT Application is available to households of all children enrolled in the school.

Effective from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

(As announced by the United States Department of Agriculture)

FREE MEALS OR MILK						REDUCED PRICE MEALS					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
- 1 -	20,748	1,729	865	798	399	- 1 -	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
- 2 -	28,132	2,345	1,173	1,082	541	- 2 -	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
- 3 -	35,516	2,960	1,480	1,366	683	- 3 -	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
- 4 -	42,900	3,575	1,788	1,650	825	- 4 -	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
- 5 -	50,284	4,191	2,096	1,934	967	- 5 -	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
- 6 -	57,668	4,806	2,403	2,218	1,109	- 6 -	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
- 7 -	65,052	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251	- 7 -	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
- 8 -	72,436	6,037	3,019	2,786	1,393	- 8 -	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each add'l household member add	7,384	616	308	284	142	Each add'l household member add	10,508	876	438	405	203

Application forms are available on the school's website and at your child's school. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits. For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month or monthly; and the signature and last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for determining eligibility.

Foster children, Head Start enrollees, homeless, migrant and runaway children, as defined in 7 CFR 245.2, are categorically eligible for free meals or free milk. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medicaid for their children will be notified of their eligibility for free benefits unless the household notifies the school that it chooses to decline benefits. Households receiving assistance under NJ SNAP or TANF should only submit an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by a specified date determined by the school. Households with children that are certified participants in SNAP or TANF may submit school meal applications for their children using the abbreviated information as indicated on the school meal application and instructions. WIC participants may also be eligible for free and reduced price meals. Parents/guardians should contact their child's school for more information.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child who was determined as free or reduced price eligible during the previous year will continue with this determination. When children move to a new LEA, either at the beginning of the new school year or during the summer months, the new LEA is encouraged to use the former LEA's eligibility determination from the previous school year and carryover the child's eligibility status. Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify three percent of the approved School Meals and Summer EBT Applications on file. For additional information, contact your child's school.

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