



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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School Business Administrator

2026-2027 General Eligibility Form

Dear Families,

New in the 2026-2027 school year, Westport Community Schools has implemented this General Eligibility Form. Completing this form can waive or reduce transportation, athletics, testing and other fees for those students who are not identified based on their participation in public assistance programs.

The Westport Community Schools receive additional state and local funding to support learning for students whose families are identified as low income. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education identifies most, but not all, of these students already based on their participation in public assistance programs. **This form is available to families to help APS identify students who might be eligible for additional school benefits** not already identified. It is essential for families who believe they qualify based on the household income guidelines on the back of this page to complete the General Eligibility Form for the 2026-2027 school year to determine eligibility for additional benefits.

Please be aware that this is a voluntary process, and families are not required to submit this information. Completing this General Eligibility Form will in no way impact your child's access to free lunch and breakfast.

The information that families provide on this form and any supporting documentation will be kept by the Westport Community Schools. It will only be used by the Westport Community Schools or the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to verify household income to determine the state and local funding that the Westport Community Schools will receive and to determine household eligibility for waived or reduced transportation, athletics, testing and other fees.

The form attached and required supporting documentation must be returned to the school attended by your youngest child. If you need assistance completing any portion of the form or gathering other required information, please contact Michelle Rapoza, mrapoza@westportschools.org, 508-636-1140 ext. 4020.

Thank you,
Michelle Rapo

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Income Eligibility Guidelines

First, calculate your household's ANNUAL income. Make sure to include all income sources for all individuals in the household, including: work, public assistance, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), unemployment insurance, veterans benefits, and child income. Use gross income, before any deductions for taxes, insurance, medical expenses, child support, etc.

Second, identify the total number of people in your household in the table below. Count all children and adults, related and unrelated, that live in your household and share income and expenses.

Third, follow the arrow from the number of people to the incomes that qualify. If your household income is in the listed range for the number of people in your household, you should complete the form. Your household must meet the income requirements for your household size in order to be identified as low income for school aid purposes. For example, a household with one adult and two children (three total people) and an income of \$40,000 would qualify because their income is between \$0 and \$47,767.

# of people in household	If your household income is in this range...	then check this box.
2 	\$0 - \$29,526 	☐
3 	\$29,527 - \$40,034 	☐
4 	\$40,035 - \$50,542 	☐
5 	\$50,543 - \$61,050 	☐
6 	\$61,051 - \$71,558 	☐
7 	\$71,559 - \$82,066 	☐
8 	\$82,067 - \$103,082 	☐

*If household income does not fall within the corresponding range based on your household size, your household does **NOT** qualify and you should **NOT** complete the form.*

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