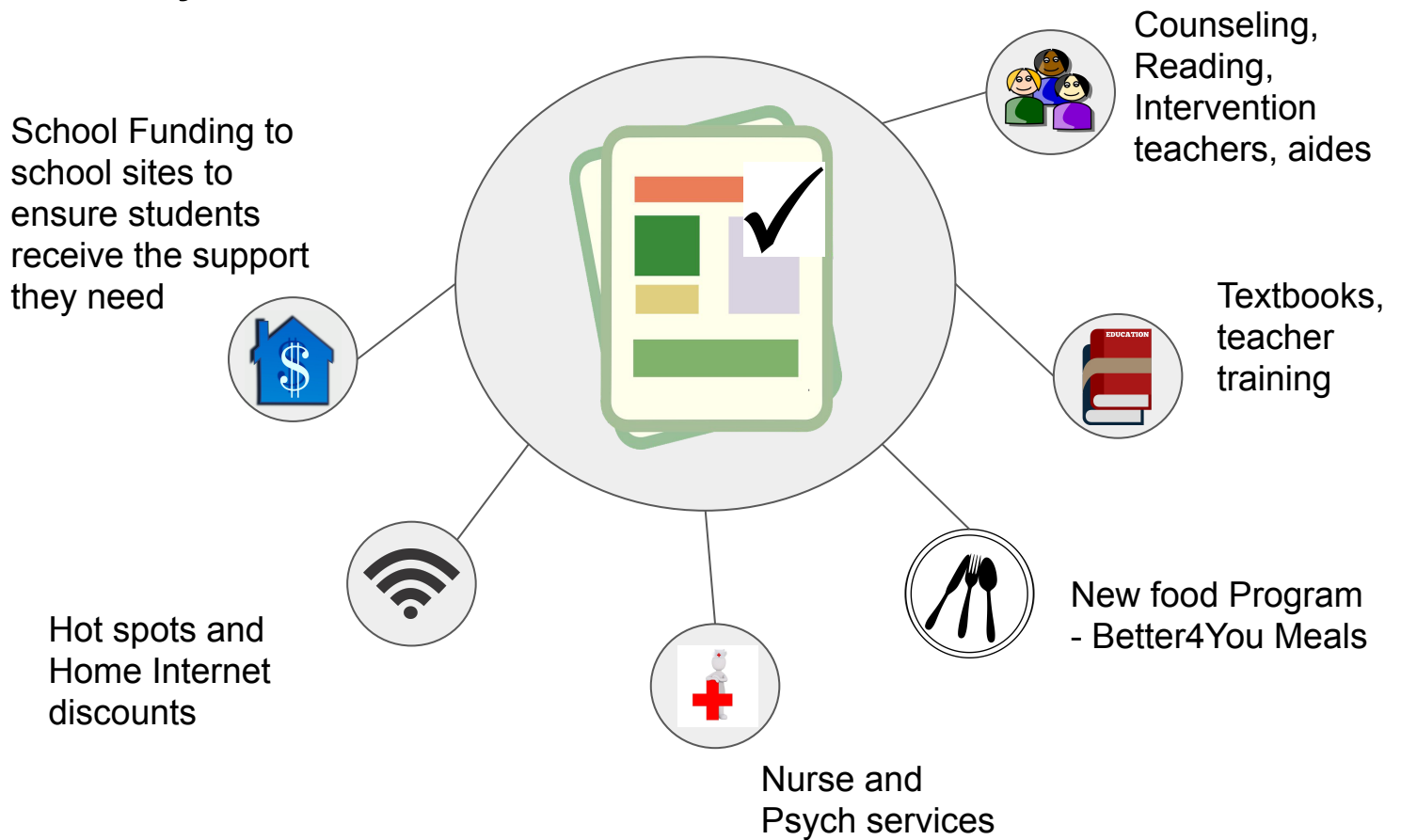


# More Than a Meal

Completing a meal application has benefits beyond food - check it out!



**Please Complete an Application** (this is optional but highly recommended)

Please visit:

<https://mwusd.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu-school-lunch-program/>

to submit an application online. You only need to complete one application for your entire household. You may call your school office for a paper copy of the application or print one off of our website.

**Completing an application helps ensure your school gets the funding it deserves even if you do not qualify for the program.**

# Frequently Asked Questions

*How does the free/reduced-price meal program affect OTHER school funding?*

Every student who is under a certain income, learning English, homeless or in foster care generates 20% more funding. In districts where at least 55% of students fall into these categories, they receive even more funding. In the Mark West Union School District, additional dollars are given to each school to increase or improve services for these students. Completing the meal application ensures your school receives all available funds.

*We are receiving Free meals for all of the 2020-2021 school year, why should I fill out this application?*

Even though meals this year are free, if applications are not submitted, the additional funds mentioned above will be lost. These funds support Counseling, classroom aides, Reading and Intervention teachers, school nurse, staff development, new textbooks and other school programs. Please file your application now!

*Do I need to fill out an application for each child?*

No, you can fill out one form for multiple children in the same household.

*Who will know that our family submitted an application?*

Our system is confidential.

*Do I still need to fill out a form if I qualify for other benefits?*

No. If you are currently receiving food stamps/CalFresh, SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid benefits and your information has not changed, your child automatically qualifies.

*Can I fill the application out online?*

Yes, visit <https://mwusd.org/parent-resources/lunch-menu-school-lunch-program/> and click on the link for the online application.

*Do I have to list a social security number?*

You must print the last four **(4)** digits of your Social Security Number (SSN) OR check the box next to NO SSN if you do not have one.

*How is internet access connected to the free/reduced-price meal program?*

Various Internet providers offer reduced rate home internet services for families that qualify for the meal program. For more information visit your pro website.

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