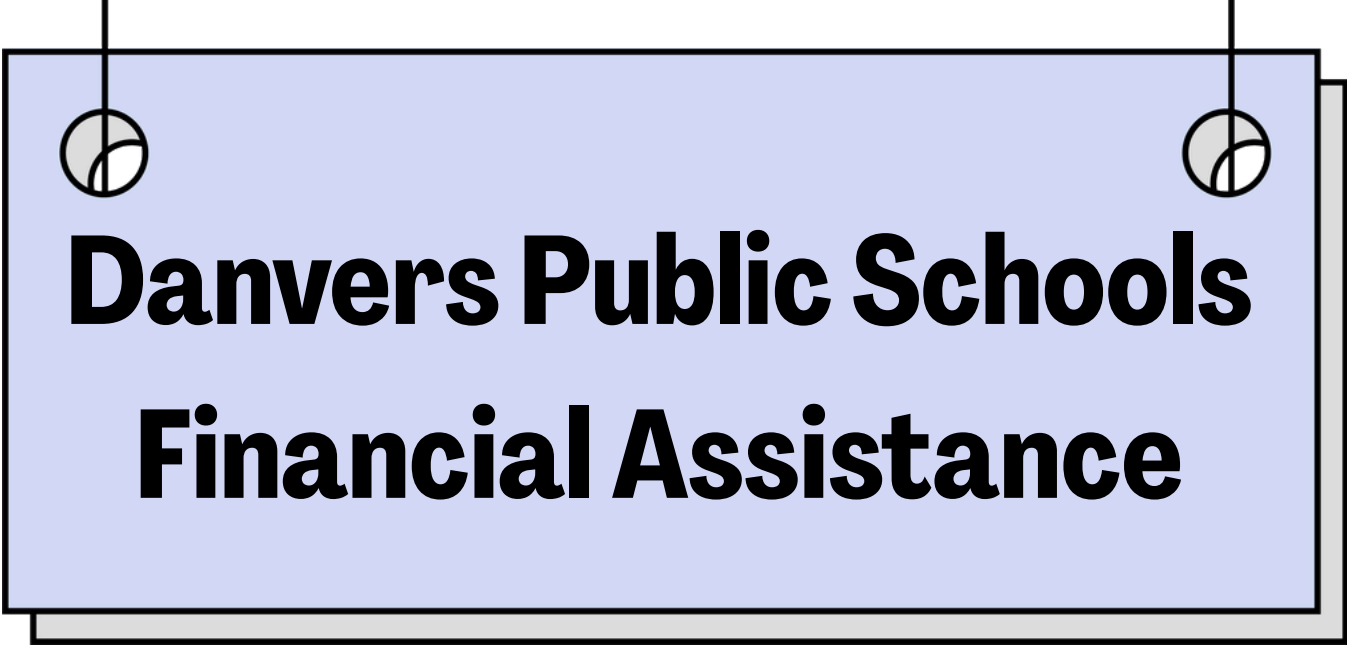




Danvers Public Schools Financial Assistance

We understand that district fees can sometimes be a financial burden, and we offer support to waive or reduce fees for qualifying households.

Our goal is to help ensure all students have equitable access to school programs, activities, and services, regardless of a family's financial circumstances; to reduce financial barriers for families; and to provide a confidential and consistent process for determining eligibility throughout the district.

How eligibility is determined:

- Eligibility for an automatic waiver is determined through Direct Certification* process through qualifying state or federal programs.
- Consent must be given to share the results of Direct Certification with the Business Office for the purpose of granting waivers.
- If consent is given and eligibility is not approved but assistance is still needed, families may contact the Business Manager for further consideration in consultation with the building principal and/or program director.

**Direct Certification is a secure process used by the Food Service department to identify students who qualify for free or reduced fees based on participation in certain state or federal assistance programs (like SNAP, TANF, or Medicaid).*

SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

DID I GIVE
CONSENT?

Consent must be given for each student individually by a parent or guardian. This consent allows the Food Service dept. to share the Direct Certification status of your student(s) with the Business Office.

HOW DO I
GIVE
CONSENT?

Log in to Access PowerSchool Student and Parent Portal > Click your child's name in the upper left corner > Click "Forms" in the left-hand navigation bar > Complete the "Financial Assistance Consent" form.

DID I
REGISTER?

Register each student(s) for whatever program or service, indicating that you may qualify for a waiver. Each program director will inform you if you do or do not qualify for an automatic fee waiver.

WHAT
ASSISTANCE
DO I RECEIVE?

Direct Certification will determine eligibility for a waiver in one of three ways:

1. Your student qualifies as FREE, meaning you get a full fee waiver.
2. Your student qualifies as REDUCED, meaning you get a reduced fee waiver.
3. Your student does NOT qualify, meaning no eligibility match was found at this time, and no automatic waiver was given.

I DIDN'T
QUALIFY BUT I
STILL NEED
SUPPORT.

If your student did not qualify for financial assistance through direct certification but you still need assistance, you may submit an appeal in writing to the Business Manager for next steps.

How do I give consent?

To ensure your student's financial status is securely shared, follow these steps:

Option 1: Digital (Fastest and Preferred Option)

1. Log in: Access PowerSchool Student and Parent Portal
 - a. For assistance logging in, email powerschool@danvers.org
2. Select Student: Click your child's name in the upper left corner.
3. Find Forms: Click 'Forms' in the left-hand navigation bar.
4. Complete: Fill out the Financial Assistance Consent form.
5. Repeat: Follow these steps for each child in your household to ensure each student has consent to check for waiver eligibility.

Option 2: Emergency Contact Forms

1. Consent may also be given on your student's Emergency Contact Forms collected within the PowerSchool Student and Parent Portal at the start of every school year.
2. If unable to complete the form in September, please refer to Option 1.

Option 3: Paper Form

If you prefer to fill out a physical document, paper "Consent to Share" forms are available [Danvers Financial Assistance Consent Form.docx](#). Please sign and return electronically to jennifersahagian@danvers.org.

Please note: Consent to share Direct Certification status only needs to be given once per student for their entire Danvers Public Schools enrollment. It remains in effect unless rescinded.