**RIER** TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203

## New Trier Student Financial Assistance Program

New Trier's student financial assistance program offers support to families who meet financial guidelines or have experienced a temporary financial hardship. Guidelines are set in accordance with Board Policy 4:140.

Student financial assistance (SFA) helps reduce some school-related expenses in order to support student learning. SFA does not cover all items related to school activities; but focuses on providing curricular support that families may not be able to afford.

Applications are submitted yearly and reviewed by the Associate Superintendent's office. Families may be approved for SFA based on income, participation in a state program (SNAP, Medicaid), or recent unemployment or disability of a parent. Temporary financial hardships, such as loss of the family home due to fire/natural disaster, are also considered.

New Trier provides the following support to students:

- Free meals (breakfast & lunch) for qualifying families based on income. Not all students are approved for free meals.
- Fee waivers
- Textbook waivers

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- Transportation for students who live in bus route areas
- iPad loan

## Where can families find information about financial aid?

Information is available on the District's website: <u>Student Financial Assistance Program</u>. If you need to discuss a particular situation, please call or email Patt Schneider at 847-784-3409 or <u>schneidp@nths.net</u>.

Some students and families may need assistance that is beyond the scope of New Trier's SFA program, such as rent assistance, medical needs or utility assistance. New Trier Township has a robust general assistance program for families who live in the township. Information on the township's general assistance program can be found here: <u>New Trier Township General Assistance</u>.