

## **Newark Board of Education**

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## **Newark Board of Education Benefits Program**

The Newark Board of Education (NBOE) offers its employees a comprehensive benefits package. Those benefits include:

- Enrollment into a Pension Retirement Plan: Offering membership into either the TPAF, PERS, or DCRP retirement plan through the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits; and enrollment in a Group Contributory (Employee Paid) and Group Non-Contributory (Employer Paid) Term Life Insurance Program administered by Prudential Insurance Company of America. (The District does not participant in a 401(k) program.)
- Options to Elect into Medical, Prescription, Dental, and Vision Insurance coverage: Employees can enroll themselves and their eligible dependents onto the District's insurance plans administered by Aetna (medical) and Express Scripts (prescription) nationwide network. (NBOE does not participate with the School Employees' Health Benefits Program administered by the State of NJ.) Employees can also waive coverage. However, the District does not issue a stipend for those who choose to waive coverage.
  - Employees who elect the NJ Educators Plan, a combined tier medical (Aetna) and prescription (Express Scripts) plan, are required to contribute towards the cost of these benefits by paying a percentage of their salary based on the elected level of coverage via bi-weekly payroll deductions according to the Health Benefit Contribution schedule under Chapter 44. Actual cost will be outlined during enrollment at <a href="https://www.nboebenefits.com">www.nboebenefits.com</a>. Also, general information is available at <a href="https://www.nboebenefits.com">www.nboebenefits.com</a>. However, a Username/Guest Key is required once hired.
  - There are no payroll deductions for dental and/or vision Aetna coverage. If elected, the District pays the premiums to coverage employees and eligible dependents. Employees would only pay any applicable co-pays for services that are rendered.
  - o Benefits Enrollment will be completed on our secured website at <a href="www.NBOEBenefits.com">www.NBOEBenefits.com</a>.
- <u>Wellness Programs</u>: You must be enrolled on one of the District's medical plans in order to be eligible to participate with the wellness program(s) (i.e. Peerfit), that can help you maintain a healthy lifestyle. Employees who elected to waive medical coverage, are not eligible to participate in these wellness plan(s).
- <u>Flexible Spending and/or Dependent Care Accounts</u>: Employees can take advantage of tax savings with a Flexible Spending Account and/or a Dependent Care Account administrated by BenefitExpress.
- **Tax Free Commuting:** Employees can use pre-tax dollars to pay for commuting using public transportation or parking at work with Benefit Express Services, LLC.
- Voluntary Benefit Options: The District offers various plans such as:
  - o Life insurance through Voya (ING), New York Life, and CHUBB.
  - Disability Insurance through AFLAC, Colonial Life, Prudential, and UNUM.
  - Pre-paid legal services through LegalShield.
  - Tax Sheltered Annuity Programs such as 403(b), 403(b) Roth, 457, and mutual fund plans with AXA Equitable, VALIC, MetLife, Foresters Financial, and Invesco Oppenheimer Funds.
- Additional Savings Programs: Tickets-at-Work, Verizon, Sprint, BJs, and other vendors.
- <u>Employee Benefits Portal</u>: Access additional information through HRconnection, including plan summaries, newsletters, webinars, and other valuable resources.

If you have any questions or concerns please email the Benefits Team at <a href="mailto:benefits@nps.k12.nj.us">benefits@nps.k12.nj.us</a>.