

People's Party New Zealand Education Policy

The People's Party New Zealand (PPNZ) is committed to creating an equitable and accessible education system that empowers students and supports families. We believe education is a cornerstone of a prosperous society and are focused on policies that provide meaningful opportunities for all.

Key Education Policies

1. **Support for Homeschooling**
 - The PPNZ government will provide **funding and resources** to support families who choose to homeschool their children.
2. **Free School Meals**
 - All students from **Year 0 through high school** will receive **free breakfast and lunch** to ensure every child has access to nutritious meals, promoting better learning outcomes.
3. **Free Public Transport for Students and Parents**
 - Students will have access to **free public transport** during school hours to travel to and from school.
 - Parents accompanying younger children to and from school will also travel **free of charge** on public transport.
4. **Free Education from Year 0 to High School**
 - Education from **Year 0 through high school** will be free, with conditions applied to ensure accountability and fairness.
5. **Affordable Higher Education**
 - The PPNZ will implement a **fair student loan system** to balance educational opportunities with the financial responsibilities of taxpayers.
 - Example:
 - A course costing **\$60,000.00** will follow this repayment formula:
 - **25% of the loan** (\$15,000.00) will be repaid in cash over **5 years** through weekly payroll deductions of \$62.50.
 - The remaining **75%** (\$45,000.00) will be waived after the graduate works in a **stable job** for **5 years**, contributing to society and paying regular taxes.
 - Graduates will have the option to extend cash repayment over **5 or 10 years**, depending on their financial circumstances.
 - Graduates must provide **proof of employment** to Inland Revenue, which will confirm compliance before the remaining debt is canceled.
6. **Support for Government Frontline Workers**
 - To acknowledge the critical contributions of frontline workers, the PPNZ government will provide an **immediate 5% pay increase** to:
 - Ambulance officers
 - Firefighters
 - Prison officers
 - Police officers
 - Army personnel

- Nurses
- Doctors
- Rest home and caregiver staff

Our Vision for Education and Workforce

The People's Party New Zealand believes that a **strong partnership between employers, employees, and the government** is key to positive outcomes. By investing in education and supporting frontline workers, we aim to foster a well-educated, motivated, and thriving society.