



Summer Pandemic EBT

Extra SNAP food benefits for children and students for the Summer Months

A partnership between DHHS and USDA with support from DOE

What is P-EBT?

- Pandemic Electronic Benefit (P-EBT)
- Part of an overall USDA response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Temporary emergency nutrition benefits on EBT cards that can be used to purchase food
- DHHS program that sources information securely from DOE

What is Summer P-EBT?

- P-EBT benefits available to cover the summer months
- Summer P-EBT is not tied to a learning model like School Year 2021 (SY21) P-EBT

Which school-aged children are eligible?

School-aged children must have been enrolled in a school in June 2021* and meet any of the following requirements:

- On the Direct Certification list anytime SY21 through August 31, 2021
- Eligible for free/reduced-price meal benefits either in SY21 or through applications submitted by 8/31/2021
- In a SY21 CEP/Special Provision school

**Students must have been enrolled in a school during June 2021, with the following considerations:*

- Students who graduated in June are eligible
- 2022 pre-K students are not eligible
- 2022 kindergarten students who were not enrolled in pre-K are not eligible

What about younger children?

Children 0-5 will receive Summer P-EBT benefits if they are enrolled in SNAP in the Summer

How Much is the Benefit?

Benefit value covers breakfast, lunch and snack - \$6.82/day

Standard total benefit of \$375 based on USDA guidance



When are the benefits being provided?

The goal is to issue benefits in October 2021

How are benefits provided?

- P-EBT benefits will be loaded to the SY21 P-EBT card or the household's existing SNAP EBT card
- Families that do not have either card will be issued a new P-EBT card for each eligible child

Summer P-EBT Survey

- Maine DOE sent a link to the Summer P-EBT Qualtrics survey on 9/17/21
- Posted to the DOE Child Nutrition Listserv and emailed to Superintendents
- Survey responses are due 10/1/21
- Only trying to capture those newly eligible in June, July and August 2021
- We already have SY21 data
- We will securely share this data with DHHS

Tips: Summer P-EBT Survey

Only upload students whose applications were received in June, July, and August of 2021

Direct certification students should not be uploaded - Maine DOE already has these students

All data fields shown on the example in the survey must be uploaded, you will be contacted for additional information if anything is missing