

P-EBT Update: Final Data Deadline is Aug. 25 *Attendance Data Through June 2021 Will Be Pulled*

Data is pulled monthly from the Illinois State Board of Education's Student Information System (SIS) and shared with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) to process and issue P-EBT benefits to eligible students. **The FINAL deadline for School Year 2020-2021 and Summer 2021 P-EBT will be Aug. 25, with SIS data being shared with DHS the morning of Aug. 26.** Complete student data in SIS by Aug. 26 will have the P-EBT benefits issued by DHS in the subsequent month. For example, if the data is entered into SIS by Aug. 25, ISBE will generate a data report to DHS on Aug. 26, with the P-EBT benefits being provided to eligible students during the calendar month of September 2021.

The Illinois Summer P-EBT application was approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) on July 28, 2021. Therefore, the first data transfer for Summer P-EBT occurred in late July 2021, with Summer P-EBT benefits being issued by DHS throughout August 2021. Schools should ensure that all student data in SIS or the Web-Based Illinois Nutrition System (WINS) is accurate. If changes are necessary, please work with the ISBE SIS team to ensure accurate student data. For non-CEP participating schools, the low-income indicator in SIS should only be marked for students that actually meet the socioeconomic requirements for free or reduced-price meal eligibility. Please note that this is the FINAL data deadline for School Year 2020-2021 and Summer P-EBT. Once this data collection period is over, data updates for SY 20-21 and Summer P-EBT benefits cannot be accepted.

For public schools only that submit student data via the Student information System, if you processed a Household Eligibility Application AFTER the last day of school for SY 20-21, please complete the [Summer Only 2021 P-EBT Template](#) and submit to pebt@isbe.net no later than Sept. 24, 2021. This is being requested to ensure proper issuance of federal P-EBT benefits.

The ongoing effort by school staff for the P-EBT benefits for families is tremendous, and we thank you! We know that calls and parent inquiries are great to your local schools as well as to DHS and ISBE.

For our public schools, there is a P-EBT specific report in SIS that schools and districts can run to see the data entered and how P-EBT benefits will be provided. (Click **"Report," "Student," "Nutrition," then "P-EBT."**) This report in SIS will help you identify which students are eligible for benefits and for which months. With this data, parent questions may be addressed with accurate information. **It is IMPERATIVE that schools check this report and that all student data is entered prior to the student exited from SY 20-21 in SIS.**

The [SIS User Manual](#) includes information on how to update the required data elements. Any questions specific to data elements within SIS, please reach out to our SIS team with the ISBE Help Desk: (217) 558-3600, Option 3, or help@isbe.net. Non-public schools can view each month's uploaded student data under the P-EBT Upload link in WINS.

Due to the current call volumes, we encourage schools to review posted information at www.isbe.net/pebt. ISBE's role with P-EBT is to support school's efforts to submit accurate data.

Families should be directed to DHS for assistance with P-EBT benefits should the school be unable to assist them with the P-EBT benefit questions. Families can review information at www.DHS.Illinois.gov/PEBT, including the frequently asked questions. They may also contact the DHS toll-free P-EBT Helpline number at (833) 621-0737 or submit a [P-EBT General Inquiry Request](#).

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