

Summer 2022 P-EBT: Notice to NSLP Sponsors

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS), would like to share this information regarding a supplemental food assistance program, known as Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT). **The information shared in this message is specific to Summer 2022 P-EBT benefits in Illinois eligible schools.** The School Year 2021-22 P-EBT plan for Illinois is pending U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approval. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

P-EBT benefits were first issued in the Spring of 2020 and continue through the most recent school year and summer 2022. PEBT is authorized by Section 4601 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127) as amended by the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act (P.L. 116-159), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260), and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). The P-EBT program will remain active as long as the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) exists. When the federal PHE ends, the P-EBT program will also end.

Please note that USDA has changed the specific eligibility criteria each year. The following highlights the requirements for Summer 2022.

Summer 2022 Plan Highlights

- Eligible school is a school that claimed meals under the National School Lunch Program/Seamless Summer Option/School Breakfast Program in SY 21-22.
- Student MUST have been enrolled in an eligible school as of May/June 2022. For a public school student, this must be the serving school in the Student Information System (SIS). This is a change from prior P-EBT issuance due to changes implemented by the USDA.
- Student must have been determined free or reduced price eligible for school meals using the SY 21-22 Household Eligibility Application no later than July 15, 2022, or enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) approved school.
- For public schools, the SIS data element of FRL/low income indicator for SY 21-22 will be used to make this determination. Since SIS SY 21-22 is closed for updates, any data changes resulting in additional P-EBT issuances will be made directly with the Illinois Department of Human services (DHS). More details will be shared once available.
- For non-public eligible school students, a file will be uploaded securely in the Web-Based Illinois Nutrition System (WINS) with eligible students. More details will come soon regarding this process. Anticipated deadline for non-public school P-EBT data collection is Oct. 31, 2022.
- Summer 2022 P-EBT issuance will be \$391 per eligible student.

Parent/Student Assistance Regarding Summer P-EBT

All household inquiries regarding P-EBT will be directed to Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS). P-EBT information specific to parents, guardians, and recipients is found at www.DHS.Illinois.gov/PEBT or by contacting DHS at (833) 621-0737.

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