Summer 2022 P-EBT Benefits

Louisiana received federal approval to issue Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer benefits (P-EBT) for the Summer of 2022 to families of children who:

- Qualified for free or reduced-price school meals under the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program on or before July 30, 2022, OR
- Attended a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, where all children receive free meals regardless of family income, in May 2022.

Eligible students will receive $391 to cover both June and July 2022. The payment will be broken into two installments.

- $195 for June
- $196 for July

**NO APPLICATION NEEDED!!!**

**WHEN WILL SUMMER P-EBT BENEFITS BE ISSUED?**

- Students who did not receive benefits for the month of May 2022 and meet the eligibility requirements will receive the Summer P-EBT benefits at a later day. Benefits for the Summer P-EBT program will begin being issued **in the fall** as schools and school districts submit eligibility information to DCFS at the end of August once the portal is ready to receive summer submissions. **MOST STUDENTS WILL NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS RIGHT AWAY.** Per DCFS, they will release more information as soon as it is available.

- Students who received benefits for the month of May 2022 (student was out of school due to COVID-19) will receive the Summer P-EBT benefits immediately on their current P-EBT card as their eligibility for the summer program has already been verified.

**HOW WILL SUMMER P-EBT BE ISSUED?**

- Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued on Louisiana Purchase EBT cards in each eligible student’s name. Benefits will be issued on the same card that was received for the 2020-21 or 2021-22 school year.
Students who did not receive P-EBT for this or last school year will be mailed a card with Summer P-EBT benefits already loaded onto it.

WHAT IF I NEED A NEW CARD?
If the card has been lost, stolen, or damaged, a new one can be requested through the P-EBT Parent Portal, by calling the EBT customer service line at 1-888-997-1117 or through the LifeInCheck mobile app.

HOW CAN I CHECK THE STATUS AND DETAILS OF MY CHILD’S CASE?
To check the status of each child’s case individuals can check the P-EBT Parent Portal. The P-EBT Parent Portal allows parents to view and receive information about their child’s P-EBT benefits. To learn more about the P-EBT Parent Portal, visit www.dcfslouisiana.gov/pebt-parent-portal.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS
Parents can verify their child’s address is correct via the P-EBT Parent Portal. If a parent needs to update their address, they must go to their child’s school to update and verify their information. Once the child’s address is updated and verified with the school, the parent must request an address change via the P-EBT Parent Portal.

HOW LONG CAN P-EBT RECIPIENTS USE THEIR BENEFITS?
Under new federal rules, federal food assistance benefits will be expunged, or removed, from a recipient’s EBT card nine months after the benefits are issued, unless the card is used to make a purchase within this nine-month period. If the card is used, the benefits will remain on the card for nine months from the date of last purchase.

Benefits are removed only if:
• It has been nine months since the benefits were issued; AND
• It has been nine months since the recipient last used their EBT card.

Once benefits have been removed, they cannot be added back to the card.

ADDITIONAL P-EBT INFORMATION:
• For more summer P-EBT details, https://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/news/louisiana-approved-to-issue-summer-pebt-benefits or contact DCFS at 1-888-524-3578.
• Find more information about P-EBT and the use of P-EBT benefits on the DCFS P-EBT website at https://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-louisiana-faqs.
• For DCFS social media updates, https://m.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=403205298579810&id=100066710299779&set=a.196003962633279&source=48