



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>