



## **2023 Summer Pandemic EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) Benefits in Utah**

**The free and reduced-price meal application submission deadline for households is May 1, 2023.** Below is the information you need to know about Pandemic EBT benefits for this summer benefits.

### **What is the 2023 Summer Pandemic EBT program?**

A program administered through the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Food and Nutrition Service and state agencies to supply a one-time benefit amount of \$120 per eligible child to buy groceries for students. Benefits will be issued onto an electronic benefit card during the summer of 2023 from the Department of Workforce Services.

### **Which students will be eligible?**

1. Students enrolled on May 1, 2023, in a National School Lunch Program participating school; and
2. Students approved for free or reduced-price meal eligibility as of May 1, 2023; or
3. Enrolled in a Community Eligible Provision or Provision 2 school on May 1, 2023.

### **Which students will not be eligible?**

According to the state plan approved by USDA Food and Nutrition Service, students beginning enrollment in a NSLP (National School Lunch Programs) participating school after May 1, 2023, will not be considered for Summer Pandemic EBT benefits.

Household free and reduced-price meal applications submitted to the district/charter/school foodservice program after May 1, 2023, will not be considered for Summer P-EBT benefit eligibility.

### **Who do I contact about school meal benefit eligibility?**

To apply for free or reduced-price meals please visit [Myschoolapps.com](https://myschoolapps.com) to apply online.

To find information about your current free or reduced-price meal eligibility call Granite Nutrition Services at 385-646-5515.

General information about the summer P-EBT program will be updated and posted on the Utah Department of Workforce Services webpage <https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/pebt/>.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I know if I am eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits?** Notification of free or reduced-price benefit approval was sent via email or sent home with students if an email was not provided. You can find eligibility information by calling 385-646-5515.

**If I have children attending schools in different districts and/or charter schools is eligibility shared?** Contact each district/charter foodservice department as meal benefit eligibility is not automatically shared among districts and/or charter schools.

**My children attend a school that does not charge for meals, do they automatically qualify?** If your children are not enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision or Provision 2 school, your household will need to be determined free or reduced-price meal eligible based on household size and gross income. Contact 385-646-5515 or apply online at Myschoolapps.com.

**Can our household reapply for free or reduced-price school meals before May 1, 2023?** Yes. Households do not have to report household size or gross income changes once approved for free or reduced-price meals benefits. When circumstances change, households may reapply for benefits.

**What will the P-EBT benefit amount be?** Households with eligible students will receive a one-time issuance of \$120 per eligible student.

**If I have eligible students, how will I receive the benefits?** Benefits will be issued to the existing card the households received with previous school year 2021-2022 P-EBT benefits unless new guardian/parent information is reported by the district/charter/school. Households that have not received previous P-EBT benefits or have a change in guardianship will be mailed a P-EBT card through the US Postal Service using the mailing address provided by the district/charter/school. Households participating in SNAP will receive P-EBT benefits on their current SNAP card. Additional information will be provided with the mailed cards. Visit the DWS P-EBT webpage, <https://jobs.utah.gov/covid19/pebt/>, if you have questions about P-EBT cards and issuance amounts.

**Will my eligible students also receive P-EBT benefits for school year 2022-2023 absences or school closures?** Utah will not have a School Year 2023 Pandemic EBT plan. This means benefits will not be paid for any COVID-related absences, school closures, or reduced attendance during the school year 2022-2023 as was done in prior years.

**What if my mailing address has changed?** Notify the school foodservice department by May 1, 2023.

**Do the Summer Pandemic EBT benefits affect you or your child's immigration status?** No, the Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT.

**Can eligible students still take part in their local summer meal programs?** Yes. USDA Food and Nutrition Service will post operating summer meal sites in May 2023 for the summer meal service operations (<https://www.fns.usda.gov/meals4kids>).

**Can my household decline Summer P-EBT benefits?** Households that do not wish to participate in the program will be instructed by the Department of Workforce Service to properly dispose of the EBT card.

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