

**SUMMER EBT
SCHOOL STAFF FLYER**

**TWO PAGER
VERSION**

TEMPORARY



[State] Summer EBT Guide



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KEY MESSAGES TO SHARE WITH FAMILIES THIS YEAR



Spring Messaging AFTER YOUR SPRING BREAK

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End of School Messaging THE LAST MONTH OF SCHOOL

When school is out, Summer EBT is in! Summer EBT benefits are loaded onto your existing card or mailed to your address. If you haven't received Summer EBT, you can still apply.



Over the Summer Messaging A MONTH BEFORE DEADLINE

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Back to School Messaging WHEN STUDENTS RETURN

Have you spent your Summer EBT benefits? Be sure to use them before they expire after 4 months.

Didn't get benefits? It's not too late! Find out if your child is eligible and if you need to apply at summerebt.org/states/YourState

Have questions or need extra support? Visit [State website] or call [State phone number].

Understanding [State] Summer EBT

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Who's eligible for Summer EBT?

Families with children attending school are eligible for Summer EBT if they are at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. **If the child receives other food or medical assistance, is experiencing homelessness, or is in foster care**, they are probably eligible for Summer EBT too.

Who receives Summer EBT automatically, and who needs to apply?

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in Summer EBT through other programs they already participate in, but some eligible families will need to apply. If a family has a child attending school who doesn't receive the program automatically, we recommend encouraging them to apply if they need extra support with groceries over the summer. Students of any age who meet the income and school attendance requirements are eligible to apply.

Families can check their eligibility and find out if they should apply at summerebt.org/states/STATE.

How do families apply for Summer EBT?

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When is the application deadline? State-specific date.

TROUBLESHOOTING

What should someone do if they lose their card?

The quickest way to request a replacement card is through [insert state-specific directions for ordering a new card: contact (8##)-###-####, families can contact their state's Summer EBT office for support, etc.].

How can a family activate their card?

Example: Families can activate new Summer EBT cards by calling the number on the back of the card [insert number]. When asked for the primary cardholder's date of birth, enter the 8-digit birthday of the oldest child in the household. If the oldest child's birthday doesn't work, they should try the birthday(s) of other children in the household.

RECEIVING SUMMER EBT

What information or instructions do families receive about Summer EBT?

This is a state-specific answer, and it will probably take a few lines - sample text: Families who are enrolled in the program will receive a Summer EBT "issuance notice" in the mail before the benefits arrive. This notice includes helpful information about how to activate their cards when they arrive in a separate envelope, so it's helpful to keep it.

What should a family do if they have moved or need to change their address?

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Do Summer EBT funds expire?

Yes! The \$120 benefit expires 122 days (about 4 months) after it's issued. Remind families to use their funds so they don't miss out. This is an important message to share with your families during back-to-school season!

What should families do with the Summer EBT card once they're done with it?

Families should keep any new Summer EBT cards, since they may be able to use them again next year. [If your state is not reissuing on the same card, delete this question.]

What other grocery or food support programs are available over the summer?

Summer EBT works alongside Summer Meals programs to help make sure kids get nutritious food all year round.

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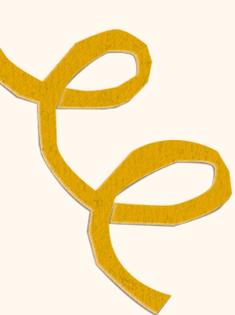
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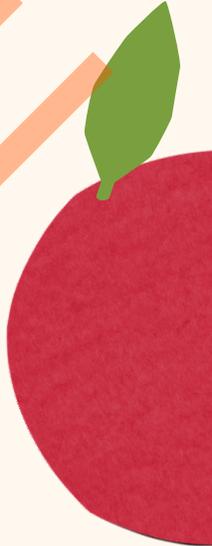
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How can families protect themselves against fraud?

This is state-specific and may include something like: Families can contact their state Summer EBT office if they think they've been a victim of fraud. Some people also use separate apps to block out-of-state transactions or lock their cards.

How can families get more information or ask questions?

If families are having trouble understanding, accessing, or using their benefits, they can visit a [State website] or call a [State phone number].



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