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## SUMMER P-EBT FOR FAMILIES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Louisiana received federal approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits for the Summer of 2021 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, 2021, OR
- Attended a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, where all children receive free meals regardless of family income, in May 2021.

Summer P-EBT is available to all students who meet the above criteria, regardless of what learning style they had during the 2020-21 school year – **virtual, hybrid, or in-person**.

Eligible students will receive a **one-time payment of \$375** to cover both June and July 2021.

## NO APPLICATION NEEDED!

Schools will provide DCFS a list of eligible students, and DCFS will then issue the benefits.

## HOW & WHEN WILL SUMMER P-EBT BENEFITS BE ISSUED?

Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued on Louisiana Purchase EBT cards in each eligible student's name.

Students who did not receive P-EBT for this school year (e.g., because they attended school in-person all year) will be mailed a card with Summer P-EBT benefits already loaded onto it. **These cards are expected to begin mailing out in late August and October.** Parents should allow up to 30 days from receiving this flier to receive their child's card in the mail.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Families who applied for free/reduced-price school meals on or before July 30, 2021, and were later approved, will receive Summer P-EBT benefits. However, the issuance of those benefits may be delayed.

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*\*You can use P-EBT funds and also get food from grab-and-go student meal sites.\**

*\*Using P-EBT does NOT impact your or your student's immigration status.\**

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## ACTIVATING P-EBT CARDS

- **P-EBT Cards are Issued in the Student's Name.**
- **Local Student ID Number Needed.** You will need your child's Local Student ID number to enter in place of their Social Security Number when activating their P-EBT card. If you do not know your child's local student ID number, some places where it is commonly found include the student's report card, grades portal, student ID card, computer login, library card, medical records portal, and IEP record. If you cannot find your child's local student ID number in any of these places, please contact the child's school or district for assistance.
- **PINs Must Meet Requirements.** When selecting a PIN for your child's P-EBT card, please note that the following patterns are NOT allowed:
  - Identical digits (1111, 2222, 3333, etc.)
  - Consecutive digits (1234, 2345, 3456, etc.)
  - Numbers that start with one or more zeroes (0657, 0051, 0001, etc.)
  - The last four digits of the child's Student ID number
  - The cardholder's birthdate
- **Troubleshooting Tips Available.** Additional troubleshooting tips for P-EBT card activation can be found on the DCFS website at [www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-louisiana-faq#card-activation](http://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-louisiana-faq#card-activation)

## P-EBT PARENT PORTAL

DCFS has a P-EBT Parent Portal where you can view information about your child's P-EBT case, including their benefits status and the mailing address your child's school submitted to DCFS. Additional features are coming that will allow parents to ask for corrections, including address changes, and to view future benefit issuances, if applicable.

In addition, creating an account in the P-EBT Parent Portal will allow you to receive text updates from DCFS regarding the P-EBT program and any future benefits for which your child might be eligible.

To learn more about the P-EBT Parent Portal, including how to create an account and link your child's case, visit [www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-parent-portal](http://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/page/pebt-parent-portal).

## WHAT CAN I BUY WITH MY P-EBT CARD?

P-EBT cards can be used to purchase most food items at any store that accepts SNAP EBT cards. The cards cannot be used to purchase "hot foods" (those prepared to eat at the store), alcohol, tobacco, or nonfood items such as vitamins or medicines, soap or hygiene items, paper goods, household supplies, or pet food.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.PEBT-LA.ORG](http://WWW.PEBT-LA.ORG).**