

# Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) Overview, Eligibility and Issuance

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# What is Summer EBT?

- The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) program was included in the federal Omnibus Bill in December 2022.
- S-EBT is a new, permanent program which provides eligible children with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the summer to help close the hunger gap when children are on summer break and not receiving school meals.
- S-EBT benefits are placed on a card that can be used at authorized grocery stores to buy food items.

# Summer EBT Benefit Issuance

- One issuance for the summer in the amount of \$120.
  - \$40 for each month of summer issued at one time.
- S-EBT benefits will begin being processed in mid-June.
  - Not all students receive benefits on the same day.
- How will S-EBT be issued?

Households <u>currently</u> receiving SNAP benefits:	S-EBT benefits for each eligible child in the household will be issued on the families existing Ohio Direction card.
Households <u>not currently</u> receiving SNAP benefits:	A new S-EBT card will be mailed for each child eligible to receive S-EBT benefits to the household.

# Summer 2024 S-EBT Automatic Eligibility

- JFS will share all children ages 6-18 that have participated in SNAP and Ohio Works First (OWF) from July 1, 2023 – August 16, 2024.
- Ohio Department of Medicaid will share all children ages 6-18 participating in Medicaid that meet the income criteria for free or reduced meals for the same timeframe.
- Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or the Special Breakfast Program (SBP) will share their current year free or reduced-price certified students (of any age).
  - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and Provision 2 non-base year schools cannot submit any student without a current year free or reduced-price meal certification.

# Student Eligibility

- Include free or reduced-price meal certified students enrolled in the school at any time in the the school year.
  - This include free or reduced-price meal certified graduating seniors even if they graduated earlier in the school year.
- Only submit school year 2023-2024 students with access to the National School Lunch Program/ School Breakfast Program.
- If the school has fully virtual/online students with no access to the meal program, the school will not submit those students.
  - The students will receive S-EBT if they are currently on SNAP, OWF or Medicaid income eligible.

# Student Eligibility

- Schools must report only school year 2023-2024 certified students for free or reduced meals, approved through the direct certification process, NSLP application process, or otherwise categorically eligible.
  - Categorical eligibility includes HeadStart, Migrant, Homeless, Runaway students and foster students with current year court documentation.
- Schools can take new applications through August 16, determine eligibility, and submit student data to Management Council in September.
  - The students had to have been enrolled in the 2023-2024 school year but can be submitted if summer documentation collected shows they are newly eligible for free or reduced meals.

# Statewide S-EBT Application

- Opening on or around April 15
- Primarily for households with children attending CEP and Provision 2 schools who are not categorically eligible for free meals.
  - CEP and Provision 2 schools may submit children approved through the Ohio Household Income Form for free waivers or other benefits
- Households with children attending traditional schools and not yet certified for free or reduced meals will be encouraged to complete the free or reduced-price meal application with the school.
  - Applications received through Aug 16 can be processed and children submitted for S-EBT in the September data file.
  - Households in traditional schools could opt to fill out the S-EBT application if they do not want free or reduced-price meal benefits.

# Supporting S-EBT Student Eligibility

- Remind households through multiple channels they can apply for free and reduced-price school meal benefits throughout the school year.
- It is permissible to give the example of S-EBT summer benefits as a push for submitting the free or reduced-price meal application.
- Help inform households that if they are already approved for free or reduced price meals they are not to submit the statewide S-EBT application.



# Summer 2024 File

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# Open May 1 – June 13

- Data export must include SSID
- Upload data files at:  
<https://sebt.education.ohio.gov>

# Data File Fields

- District IRN
- Building IRN
- SSID
- Child Last Name
- Child First Name
- Child Middle Initial
- Child's Date of Birth
- Child's Gender
- Parent Last Name
- Parent First Name
- Parent Middle Initial
- Enrollment Date
- Primary (Residential) Address
- Primary City
- Primary State
- Primary Zip 5
- Primary Zip 4
- Mailing Address
- Mailing City
- Mailing Zip 5
- Mailing Zip 4
- Phone Area Code
- Phone Number
- Withdraw Date if applicable

# Eligible Students

- Enrolled at any time in the school year and certified for free or reduced-price meals under the NSLP
  - Asking schools to include enrollment date and withdraw date (if applicable)
- Homeless, Migrant, Foster Students

# CEP/Provision 2

- Submit two files:
  - First file only students with a current year direct certification or categorically eligible for free meals.
  - Second file is full enrollment
- Schools can also submit students who applied and were approved for fee waiver.
- All other households will have the option to complete the statewide S-EBT application to determine S-EBT eligibility

# Double Check Data Elements

- Student names with punctuation
  - Hyphenation, spaces, apostrophes
- Date of birth format
  - mm/dd/yyyy
- Student address and guardianship

# Questions?

- Contact the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
  - Office of Nutrition  
614-466-2945  
1-800-808-6325  
[Child.nutrition@education.ohio.gov](mailto:Child.nutrition@education.ohio.gov)