



HNS # 07-2022

MEMORANDUM

To: School Food Authorities Operating the National School Lunch Program and/or Seamless Summer Option

From: Melissa Conner, Associate Superintendent
Health and Nutrition Services Division

Date: July 7, 2022

Subject: Announcement of Summer 2022 Pandemic-EBT

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The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the availability of Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) for Summer 2022. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to administer Summer P-EBT in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). Students meeting the eligibility requirements will qualify to receive the Summer P-EBT benefit of \$391.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for Summer P-EBT, students had to be enrolled in May 2022 in a participating National School Lunch Program (NSLP) site and determined eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits during School Year 2021-2022 (SY 2021-22) or during the following summer months (up to July 30). Students enrolled in May 2022 at sites that participated in Special Provision Option (SPO) Provision 2, Provision 3, or Community Eligibility Provision in SY 2021-22 automatically qualify for Summer P-EBT.

For sites not operating a SPO, individual student eligibility for NSLP must be determined from an allowable eligibility method specifically for school meals; for example, a household application for school meals or through records retrieved from the ADE CNP Direct Certification system. Individual student eligibility collected from an alternate income eligibility form (e.g. provided by ESEA consolidated programs such as Title 1) will not qualify a student for Summer P-EBT.

School Food Authority Responsibility

School Food Authorities (SFAs) will be responsible for certifying students for free or reduced-price meal benefits and reporting student data to the ADE by the required deadline. This includes maintaining records of certification from SY 2021-22 and any new certifications received from July 1, 2022, through July 30, 2022. If SFAs are not able to have staff present during the summer period, SFAs may have staff process these applications upon their return for the school year in August 2022. SFAs should have a

process that records the date of receipt for all Household Applications for Free or Reduced-Price Meals ensuring only applications received up to July 30, 2022, will be considered for Summer P-EBT.

Households of students enrolled in May 2022 that were not certified through direct certification or a Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals, should be instructed to provide the completed SY 2022-23 Household Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals to their local school no later than July 30, 2022.

Individual student data reporting logistics and deadlines are being finalized and will be communicated to SFAs in a future memorandum. SFAs should be aware that only students reported by the SFA to ADE HNS as Summer P-EBT eligible, will be issued the Summer P-EBT benefit by the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

Important Dates

July 30, 2022: Deadline for households to submit school meal applications for purposes of Summer 2022 P-EBT eligibility.

September 2022 (Anticipated): Deadline to report student eligibility to ADE.

October 2022 (Anticipated): DES issues Summer P-EBT benefits to eligible students reported by SFAs.

If you have questions concerning this guidance, contact ADE's direct P-EBT customer service line at 602-542-8700, option 4, or email PEBTinbox@azed.gov.

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