

Dear Parent/Guardian:



Summer EBT is a federal program to help families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families will receive \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries during the summer. Children who receive Summer EBT benefits can still participate in other summer meal programs. Receiving benefits will not affect children or families' immigration status.

In New Jersey, Summer EBT benefits will be loaded onto an EBT card and mailed to your home. If eligible, you can use the benefits to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept WIC or SNAP EBT benefits.

Your child is automatically eligible if you have filled out a 2024-2025 meal application at the school your child attends. If your child is not automatically eligible through SNAP, TANF or Foster Care benefits, but you believe your child may qualify or you did not complete and return a school meal application, you are encouraged to complete an application no later than May 9, 2025, to see if you qualify for the Federal Summer EBT benefit prior to the start of summer.

If your child currently qualifies for federally free or federally reduced lunch, you do not need to submit a new lunch application for the Summer EBT.

Students who qualify for free meals under the New Jersey Expanded Income Eligibility (NJEIE) category are not eligible because they are considered "Federally Denied" (Paid) students. Income eligibility for Summer EBT is based on the Federal NSLP/SBP Income Eligibility Guidelines. Therefore, only children in households at or below 185% of the Federal poverty threshold are eligible for Summer EBT.

More information on the Summer EBT program can be located on our website - www.erboe.net under tabs For Families - Food Service.

If you have any further questions, you can contact the Business Office at 201-623-8150 ext 2001.