



Fact Sheet for School Staff

Kentucky's Summer EBT program is back!



The Summer EBT program provides grocery benefits to families with school-aged children in our community. Last year alone, Summer EBT helped over 395,000 kids in Kentucky get the healthy food that they usually enjoy while they're in school!

But a lot of families still don't know that they're eligible for this support, which is why we're calling on trusted community members (like you!) to help get the word out about Summer EBT. This partnership is crucial to making sure no child goes hungry over the summer break.

How does Summer EBT work?

- Summer EBT is for school-aged children in households that are at or under 185% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Families receive \$120 per eligible school-aged child for groceries, and the benefit is delivered on an existing EBT card or a new Summer EBT card. If they received Summer EBT last year, the benefits will be loaded on the same card—so families should make sure they still have their card handy!
- Most eligible families will be automatically enrolled, but some will need to apply at kysebt.ky.gov. We want to work together to help these families understand, sign up, and access their Summer EBT benefits.
- Families can check here to see if they need to apply or if they should receive Summer EBT automatically: [**feedingky.org/sebteligibility**](http://feedingky.org/sebteligibility)
- This is one of several programs that help families in our community. Summer EBT works alongside SUN Meals (also known as Summer Meals) to help make sure kids in Kentucky are getting nutritious food all year round.
- *Special note for Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools* Some of your families will need to apply for Summer EBT. HIF (Household Income Forms) can't be used to automatically enroll children in the program this year. Families who aren't receiving SNAP, KTAP, income-based Medical Assistance (Medicaid), or Kinship Care may need to apply (details below!).

You can help spread the word!

Your support and guidance to families about Summer EBT will help your students receive the food they need this summer. We'll provide sample emails and social media messages that you can use to help keep your community informed!



Remember

Remember, most eligible families will already be automatically enrolled for Summer EBT benefits, but some will need to apply. You don't have to have all the answers, but here's additional information so you have the tools you need to support your school. You've got this!

Understanding eligibility

Are my students eligible for Summer EBT?

Summer EBT is for school-aged children in households at or under 185% of federal poverty guidelines.

Do my students need to sign up for Summer EBT, or do they get it automatically?

CEP schools

Some of your eligible families *won't* be automatically enrolled, so they may need to sign up.

Your families **need to apply** for Summer EBT if they are not:

- ☐ Receiving SNAP, KTAP, income-based Medical Assistance (Medicaid), or Kinship Care

Remember that Household Income Forms (HIFs) cannot be used to enroll children automatically in Summer EBT.

Non-CEP schools

Most of your eligible families will be automatically enrolled, so they don't need to sign up.

They will receive Summer EBT automatically if they:

- ☒ Receive SNAP, KTAP, income-based Medical Assistance (Medicaid), or Kinship Care
- ☒ Completed a Free/Reduced Meal Application through school and were approved

What should families do?

- **Check eligibility:** feedingky.org/sebteligibility
- **Apply if needed:** kysebt.ky.gov



Things to keep in mind over the summer

- Benefits are issued as a one-time payment, and they should arrive by late June if the family is automatically enrolled.
- Families who are enrolled in the program will receive a notification letter in the mail before the benefits arrive. If they don't receive a notification, they may need to sign up.
- These families can still sign up until August 15th.

Using Summer EBT benefits

- Families who have received SNAP, KTAP or Kinship Care on an EBT card in the past 3 years, or benefits on a Summer EBT card last year, will receive Summer EBT benefits on that card. Families who do not already have an EBT card will get one in the mail.
- Families should hold onto their Summer EBT cards for next year!

More help

- **Families can learn more** about Summer EBT at bit.ly/KY-SummerEBT
- **If a family needs to replace a misplaced card AND has not moved**, they can contact EBT Customer Service at 888-979-9949 to request a replacement.
- **If a family has moved** since they received their card, they can call the DCBS Call Center at 855-306-8959 to update their address and receive a new card.

