



Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT) Communication and Outreach Tools for Schools



Newsletter and Communication Resources for Schools:

SEBT information for your newsletter, website, or other appropriate communication methods:

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) are partnering to issue Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT) benefits to households of eligible students.

If your student was eligible for Free or Reduced-price meals in SY2023-24, they are eligible for SEBT and will receive a benefit card with \$120 to use [at participating EBT vendors](#) during summer break.

Each eligible student's card will be loaded with \$120 in funds to purchase nutritious foods. Students are eligible for benefits by meeting these criteria:

1. Enrolled in a school that participates in the USDA's National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in SY2023-24 **and**
2. Qualify for Free or Reduced-price school meals in SY2023-24. Students qualify for Free or Reduced-price school meals in these ways:
 - a. Application for Free or Reduced-price school meals (these are distributed by schools at which students are enrolled);
 - b. Directly certified as foster, migrant, or homeless;
 - c. Live in household with a student directly certified for SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Medicaid (with income guidelines that match the USDA School Nutrition).

Qualifying students at Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools: students at CEP schools received no-cost meals during SY2023-24. Enrollment at a CEP school does not provide the required individual student eligibility that SEBT requires. If your student is enrolled at a CEP school, their school will provide information to the NDE for SEBT benefit issuance in the following situations:

1. Your student is directly certified as a recipient of SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Medicaid benefits that align with school nutrition programs Free or Reduced-price meals income guidelines;
2. Your student lives in a household with a student who is directly certified as a recipient of SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Medicaid benefits that align with school nutrition programs Free or Reduced-price meals income guidelines;
3. Your student is directly certified as foster, migrant, or homeless; and
4. You completed an alternative income application that collects information to determine household size and income aligns with the school nutrition programs income guidelines. (Not all CEP schools offer an alternative income application.)

If your student meets an SEBT eligibility requirement above, YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION. Your student's benefit card will be issued to the address on file at your child's school.

To update your mailing address, contact one of the following: DHHS at 800-383-4278 or DHHS.SEBT@nebraska.gov, or the NDE at nde.sebt@nebraska.gov, and provide parent first and last name, correct address, phone number, email address, children's first and last names and birthdates, school, and school district.

Students who do not qualify for SEBT by one of the four methods above, but live in a household that may qualify, must complete the Summer EBT application available on the [NDE Nutrition Services website](#) **after June 1, 2024.**

DO NOT CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO COMPLETE THE SEBT APPLICATION. ACCESS THE APPLICATION DIRECTLY THROUGH WWW.EDUCATION.NE.GOV/NS.

Sample Text Messages and social media posts:

For any type of school (traditional or CEP):

Your student may be eligible to receive Summer EBT for \$120 to use for purchasing nutritious foods during summer break. Visit [Nebraska Summer EBT 2024](#) to learn about SEBT eligibility, resources for healthy food choices, answers to frequently asked questions, and for information about other food access resources when school is out.

For traditional school meals program operation with Free, Reduced, and Paid price meal determinations:

If your student was eligible for Free or Reduced-price meals in SY2023-24, they will receive a Summer EBT card with \$120 in funds to use on nutritious foods during summer break. Visit [Nebraska Summer EBT 2024](#) for more information about Summer EBT eligibility, resources for healthy food choices, answers to frequently asked questions, and for information about other food access resources when school is out.

For CEP school:

Students at schools participating in the USDA's Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) may be eligible to receive a Summer EBT card with \$120 in funds to purchase nutritious foods. Visit [Nebraska Summer EBT 2024](#) for more information about Summer EBT eligibility, resources for healthy food choices, answers to frequently asked questions, and for information about other food access resources when school is out.