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Important Information about the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Program

What is the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer program?

The Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (S-EBT) program 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.

Who is eligible for the S-EBT program?

BGCS students receiving free or reduced-price school meals for the 2023-2024 school year, including graduating seniors, are automatically eligible for the S-EBT Program.

It's not too late to apply! Read below to learn how you can fill out the 2023-2024 free and reduced-price school meal application.

If you receive government benefits such as SNAP, Ohio Works First, TANF, Medicaid Free, or Medicaid Reduced, your students ages 6-18 may automatically be eligible for the S-EBT benefit.

How much will I receive if my student is eligible for the S-EBT program?

This benefit is a one-time allotment of \$120 for the summer, representing \$40 for June, July, and August for each eligible child in the household.

How are S-EBT benefits issued?

Benefits are placed on a card that can be used at authorized grocery stores to buy food items. The timing of the disbursement of the funds will vary.

The S-EBT benefit will be issued on existing Ohio Directions cards for each eligible child for households currently receiving SNAP benefits.

A new S-EBT card will be mailed to each eligible child if households do not receive SNAP benefits. For families who will be receiving their S-EBT card in the mail:

Mr. Daniel Black
High School Principal

Mr. Eric Radabaugh
Middle School Principal

Mrs. Alyssa Karaffa
Conneaut Elementary Principal

Mr. Zebulun Kellough
Crim Elementary Principal

Mr. Michel Bechstein
Kenwood Elementary Principal

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- Go into FinalForms and *make sure your address is current and that custody information is correct*. If the card is mailed to the wrong address or the wrong person, it will not be re-issued. You can access FinalForms at www.bgcs.k12.oh.us, go to the *Parents* tab, and then click on *FinalForms*.

How can I apply for free and reduced-price school meals and be considered for the S-EBT program?

Families who may be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and haven't submitted a 2023-2024 free and reduced school meal application are encouraged to do so now to prevent a delay in receiving the S-EBT benefits.

You can apply through your PaySchools Central account. A pop-up window for the application may appear when you log-in, or you can go to the menu on the right side of the screen and click on "Free/Reduced Meal Application" to start filling out the application. It's fast and easy! If you need to create an account, you will need the student ID number for each of the BGCS students in your household.

You can access PaySchools Central at www.PaySchoolsCentral.com

Note: The free and reduced school meal application for the **2024-2025** school year will open on July 1, 2024. Fill out the **2023-2024** application now to be considered for the S-EBT program for this summer.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Contact Food Service Director Tabitha Hiler-Young with any questions regarding the free and reduced-price school meal application, if you are unsure if you are eligible for S-EBT, if you need financial assistance with school lunch balances, or if you have any other food service related questions. You can reach her by email at thiler-young@bgcs.k12.oh.us or call 419-354-0800 X 4040.

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