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**Need a little help feeding your kids when school is out for summer?**

# Learn how the Summer EBT Program can help you!

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.

## How does Summer EBT work?

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 like fruits, vegetables, meat, whole grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places that accept WIC or SNAP EBT benefits. Summer EBT is a convenient way for you to help your children thrive.

**Recently moved? Or do one of these programs have an old address for you?**

**Update your address with your local school district to ensure that your Summer EBT card is sent to the correct address!**

## Is my child eligible for Summer EBT?

Your child is eligible for Summer EBT benefits if:

- Your household already receives SNAP, TANF, Foster Care, or income eligible Medicaid benefits,

*OR*

- Your child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, ***and*** your household income meets the requirements for federal free or federal reduced price school meals.

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# How do I apply for Summer EBT benefits in NJ if my child attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School?

Many families will get ***Summer EBT benefits automatically*** if they are getting other benefits, but some families may need to apply for the program.

## Paterson Public Schools

**Application & Submission Details**

**Where to get applications:** Available at any school location's main office, on the school district's parent portal, or on the Food Services website.

**Where to submit:** Once your application is completed, you can return it to any school location.

**Contact Support**

If you have questions, you can reach out through the following channels:

**Email:** patersonsummerebt@paterson.k12.nj.us

**Phone:** (973) 321-2434 *(Please call and leave a message)*

If your household already gets SNAP, TANF, Foster Care, or Income Eligible Medicaid benefits, or your child is an Identified Student, your child is automatically eligible and will get the Summer EBT benefit. You **do not** need to fill out a School Meals and Summer EBT Application **but make sure your local school district has your current address on file.** You will receive a NJ Summer EBT card in the mail. Watch for the card in the mail in June.

If your child is not automatically eligible, and you **did not** complete a School Meals and Summer EBT Application in the beginning of the school year but believe your child may qualify for the Summer EBT program based on household size and family income, you are encouraged to complete a School Meals and Summer EBT Application **no later than October 15th** to see if you qualify for the Federal Summer EBT benefit.

School Meals and Summer EBT Applications will still be accepted throughout the 2027 summer.

**Applications are available at your school location's main office, the district's parent portal, or the district's Food Services website.**

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