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Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) is partnering with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to provide summer 2021 Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to eligible children. Please share this information and the attached communications with parents immediately due to the deadline specified below.

Summer P-EBT, which covers June–August 2021, is for families with children (K–12) who are certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and for families with children born after Aug. 1, 2014, who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits. It is a one-time benefit of \$375 for each eligible child.

HHS, TDA and TEA request that schools attempt to contact eligible families now about summer P-EBT. Thank you for your assistance with the P-EBT program. We appreciate all the work you do to help make sure Texas families have access to food during this time.

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Children in grades K–12 who were eligible for P-EBT benefits during the 2020–2021 school year and those who are newly eligible for NSLP are eligible for summer P-EBT benefits, as long as they were enrolled in a Texas school during the last month of the school year. This includes children who did not receive 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits based on the virtual attendance percentage provided by their school. Please advise families according to their specific situation:

- If a child received 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits (because they completed the P-EBT online application or they automatically received benefits because they were part of a SNAP family), they do not need to take any action. They will have summer P-EBT benefits automatically loaded on their Lone Star Card or P-EBT Card.
- If a child was eligible for 2020–2021 school year P-EBT benefits, did NOT receive SNAP benefits at any time between August 2020–August 2021, and has not already completed the 2020–2021 school year P-EBT online application, the parent or guardian can either complete the 2020–2021 school year P-EBT application or complete and return the household application for free and reduced-price meals (NSLP form) to their school by August 28.
- The parent or guardian should complete and return the household application for free

and reduced-price meals (NSLP form) to the child's school on or before August 28 to see if they are eligible for summer 2021 P-EBT.

See the [P-EBT summer FAQs](#) on the HHS website for more information about student eligibility or reference the letter to families linked to below.

#### **REMINDER**

Receiving free meals at school does not automatically make a student eligible for P-EBT. It is important to note that P-EBT benefits require individual income eligibility unless a child attends