

Updates on P-EBT Summer 2023

Several parents have shared that they have recently received the \$120 benefit for their children. Please keep checking the Ga Department of Human Services & DCFS social media platforms for any new information or updates regarding payment release schedules.

Atkinson County School System is Provision 2 under National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs. All students enrolled in Atkinson County Schools (ACHS, ACMS, PES & WES) on the date of May 11, 2023 are eligible for the Summer 2023 P-EBT benefit and were included in the secure upload to GA Department of Human Services & DCFS on May 11, 2023 & June 5, 2023. The information provided to DCFS included the name of the student, school year, system ID & school ID, school name, GTID, mailing address of student, county, date of birth & gender of student.

Student Information

If you would like to confirm the student information submitted by the Atkinson County School System to GA DEPT. of Human Services, please call 912 422 7373 ext 2115 or text the name of the students & their school to 912 309 4370.

Summer 2023 P-EBT Payment Information

If you have questions regarding the payment of Summer 2023 P-EBT benefits, you should contact GA Department of Human Services & DCFS.

***GA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES WEBPAGE**

***DHS Approved to Issue Summer P-EBT Benefits to Eligible K-12 Students**

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Atlanta, GA – The Georgia Department of Human Services' (DHS) Division of Family & Children Services has received approval to issue summer 2023 P-EBT benefits to K-12

students who were eligible for free or reduced-price meals at a National School Lunch Program school during the 2022-23 academic year.

Families with eligible students, including high school seniors who graduated in May 2023, will receive a lump-sum benefit issuance of \$120 per student within the next few months. Exact timing will depend on when the student's school submitted their data to DHS.

These summer P-EBT benefits will be issued on the same P-EBT card previously used or on the household's current EBT card if the student is in a SNAP household. Newly eligible students who are not part of a SNAP household will receive a P-EBT card within four weeks of their benefit release date.

For more information on the P-EBT program, including a list of frequently asked questions, please visit dfcs.georgia.gov/services/pandemic-electronic-benefit-transfer.

***Summer 2023 P-EBT Benefits**

FAQs:

1. Who is eligible to receive school year 2022-23 summer P-EBT benefits?

Children must be eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the eligibility criteria for the NSLP and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or attend a school participating in Provision 2, Provision 3, or the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) to be eligible for P-EBT benefits. Students approved as eligible for free or reduced priced lunch through the NSLP during the last month of school in May 2023 are eligible for summer P-EBT, including high school students who graduated in May 2023. Students are determined to be eligible for free and reduce-price school meals if:

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 - Student receives SNAP/TANF benefits;
 - Student is determined to have categorical eligibility based on district identification as homeless, migrant, or runaway status; and/or
 - A free and reduce-price meal application is submitted for the student and approved by the School Food Authority (in this case, a letter of eligibility determination is sent to the parent or guardian to confirm the approval).
2. **How will I receive P-EBT benefits?** For families that are not currently receiving SNAP benefits, a P-EBT card will be sent to the address that was on file at the student's school during the 2022-23 school year. For families currently receiving SNAP benefits, the P-EBT benefits will be loaded onto the head of household's card.
3. **I've moved since the last school year. How do I update my mailing address to receive my P-EBT card?** If you moved and a card was sent to the wrong address, you should call the P-EBT service provider at **888-421-3281** to request a replacement card. You will need to validate the previous address before

the case can be updated with the new address. The previously issued card will be locked and a new card will be mailed to the updated address.

4. **How can I order a replacement P-EBT card?** You can order a replacement card online at connectebt.com/gaebtclient or by phone at [888-421-3281](tel:888-421-3281). When requesting a replacement card, you should enter **all zeros** for the social security number for the child who should be listed on the front of the P-EBT card. You will also need to enter the child's date of birth and zip code.
5. **How do I activate a P-EBT card?** You will receive information with your P-EBT card in the mail explaining how to activate and use your P-EBT card. You will need to create a Personal Identification Number (PIN) to activate the card, which can be done online by logging into your account at connectebt.com/gaebtclient or by phone at [888-421-3281](tel:888-421-3281). **Enter 0000 when prompted for the last 4 digits of the Social Security Number.** You will need to select a four-digit PIN.
6. **If a child was not eligible for free or reduced-price meals for the 2022-23 school year, but the child has received free or reduced-price meals in previous school years, will the child receive P-EBT benefits?** No, they will not.
7. **Are children who attend private schools eligible for P-EBT?** Only students attending a Georgia public school that participated in the NSLP and reported to the Georgia Department of Education during the 2022-23 school year are eligible to receive P-EBT benefits.
8. **The benefit amount is incorrect for my child's school. How can I get the correct amount?** All eligible school-age children will receive \$120 for summer 2023 P-EBT. There is no variation in the benefit amount.
9. **I have not received P-EBT benefits for my eligible child(ren). Who do I contact?** The Georgia Department of Human Services' Division of Family & Children Services is responsible for distributing P-EBT benefits, but student eligibility is determined solely by the local school in partnership with its local school district. Any questions or concerns regarding eligibility for the NSLP must be addressed at the local school or district level.
10. **I previously received P-EBT for a different school year. Will summer P-EBT benefits be loaded to the old P-EBT card, or will a new P-EBT card be mailed?** If the state was able to match the child's identity from a previous year, and the child is still eligible, summer 2023 P-EBT benefits will be loaded on the previously used card. If a new client ID was assigned to your child, a new P-EBT card will be mailed within four weeks.
11. **My P-EBT card has not arrived.** P-EBT cards will be received by mail within four weeks of benefits release date. If you have not received your P-EBT card by this time, please contact the P-EBT service provider to order a replacement card online at connectebt.com/gaebtclient or by phone at [888-421-3281](tel:888-421-3281).
12. **I was previously a SNAP recipient, but I no longer receive benefits. I still have an old card. Will P-EBT benefits be loaded to that old card, or will a new card be issued?** Only customers currently receiving SNAP will have P-EBT benefits automatically issued to their current head of household's EBT card. EBT accounts do not close, so should you call to request a replacement card, you will receive a replacement EBT card and not a P-EBT card. All other

eligible families will receive a P-EBT card within four weeks of the benefit release date.

13. **What happens if I do not use the P-EBT benefits?** All P-EBT benefits must be used within 274 days after the client's last purchase or return. Any purchase or return re-starts the 274-day clock. Benefits not used within 274 days after the last purchase or return will be removed from the account and cannot be replaced.
14. **What if my children are not eligible for P-EBT?** Families that are not eligible for summer 2023 P-EBT can contact 211 for assistance from food banks, food pantries, or other resources. For more information, visit unitedway.org/our-impact/featured-programs/2-1-1.
15. **Can I retroactively apply for summer P-EBT?** Free or reduced-price lunch eligibility may not be applied for retroactively by parents or guardians. Free or reduced-price lunch status eligibility for the 2022-23 school year had to be applied for and approved for eligible students by June 30, 2023.