



Leigh Community Schools

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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE – SUMMER MEAL SITE LOCATIONS INFORMATION

The USDA's Summer Food Service Program provides no-cost meals to children ages 1 - 18 years at approved locations across the state.

Individuals will be able to locate all meal sites across the state:

Access USDA's Summer Food Service Program Meals Site Finder

*Please note: All location information (viewing site locations on the Summer Meals Site Finder map) will be available ONLY after the NDE approves site locations (approximately May 26, 2026).

SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER BENEFITS SEE ATTACHED SUMMER EBT FLYERS!

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 SY2025-26, 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 SY2025-26 and
2. Qualify for Free or Reduced-price school meals in SY2025-26. 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).

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 <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx> 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, 2026. DO NOT CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL TO COMPLETE THE SEBT APPLICATION. ACCESS THE APPLICATION DIRECTLY THROUGH the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz>.

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INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LOS SITIOS DE COMIDAS DEL PROGRAMA DE SERVICIO DE ALIMENTOS DE VERANO

El Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano del USDA ofrece comidas gratuitas a niños de 1 a 18 años en sitios aprobados en todo el estado. Las personas podrán localizar todos los sitios de comidas en el estado: Acceda al [Mapa de Sitios de Comidas de Verano del USDA](#).

*Tenga en cuenta: Toda la información de ubicación (visualización de los sitios de comidas en el mapa) estará disponible SOLAMENTE después de que el NDE (Departamento de Educación de Nebraska) apruebe los sitios (aproximadamente el 26 de mayo de 2026).

BENEFICIOS DE LA TRANSFERENCIA ELECTRÓNICA DE BENEFICIOS DE VERANO (SUMMER EBT)

¡VEA LOS FOLLETOS ADJUNTOS DE SUMMER EBT!

El Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos de Nebraska (DHHS) y el Departamento de Educación de Nebraska (NDE) se han asociado para emitir beneficios de Transferencia Electrónica de Beneficios de Verano (SEBT) a los hogares de estudiantes elegibles.

Si su estudiante era elegible para comidas gratuitas o a precio reducido en el año escolar 2025-26, son elegibles para SEBT y recibirán una tarjeta de beneficios con \$120 para usar en vendedores participantes de EBT durante las vacaciones de verano. Cada tarjeta de estudiante elegible se cargará con \$120 en fondos para comprar alimentos nutritivos. Los estudiantes son elegibles para recibir beneficios al cumplir con los siguientes criterios:

1. Estar inscrito en una escuela que participe en el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares (NSLP) del USDA en el año escolar 2025-26 y
2. Calificar para comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido en el año escolar 2025-26. Los estudiantes califican para comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido de las siguientes maneras:
 - a. Solicitud de comidas escolares gratuitas o a precio reducido (estas se distribuyen por las escuelas en las que los estudiantes están inscritos);
 - b. Certificación directa como hogar de acogida, migrante o sin hogar;
 - c. Vivir en un hogar con un estudiante certificado directamente para SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, Medicaid (con pautas de ingresos que coincidan con la Nutrición Escolar del USDA).

Si su estudiante cumple con un requisito de elegibilidad de SEBT mencionado anteriormente, NO NECESITA TOMAR NINGUNA ACCIÓN. La tarjeta de beneficios de su estudiante será enviada a la dirección registrada en la escuela de su hijo/a. Para actualizar su dirección de envío, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes: DHHS al 800-383-4278 o

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx> o el NDE en NDE.SEBT@nebraska.gov y

proporcione el nombre y apellido de los padres, la dirección correcta, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico, nombre y apellidos y fechas de Nacimiento de los niños, escuela y distrito. Los estudiantes que no califican para SEBT por uno de los cuatro métodos anteriores, pero viven en un hogar que puede calificar, deben completar la solicitud de Summer EBT disponible en el sitio web de Servicios de Nutrición del NDE después del 1 de junio de 2026. NO SE COMUNIQUE CON SU ESCUELA PARA COMPLETAR LA SOLICITUD DE SEBT.

ACCEDA A LA SOLICITUD DIRECTAMENTE A TRAVÉS DE el código QR o visita <https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz>.

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SUMMER EBT IS BACK!

ARE YOU
SIGNED UP?

Nebraska Summer EBT provides **\$120 of extra grocery benefits** to children (like yours!) over the summer, when kids aren't getting the meals they usually eat at school. It is available to families who could use support buying food.

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled in Summer EBT, but some will need to apply.

**Check to see if you
need to apply today!**

Scan the **QR code!**



OR



Visit

<https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz>

Have questions or need extra support?

Visit <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx> or call
800-383-4278 (select option 5).

Summer EBT in Nebraska

UNDERSTANDING NEBRASKA SUMMER EBT

HOW MUCH WILL I GET?

Each enrolled child will get a one-time \$120 benefit on a pre-loaded EBT card.

HOW ARE BENEFITS DELIVERED?

A new EBT card will be mailed to you in a plain white envelope.

WHEN ARE BENEFITS DELIVERED?

Between April and August 2026, Summer EBT funds will be mailed out as children are approved and applications are processed.

DO SUMMER EBT BENEFITS EXPIRE?

Yes, benefits expire 122 days (about 4 months) after they are issued.

WHY DO SOME KIDS GET SUMMER EBT SUPPORT AUTOMATICALLY, WHILE OTHERS NEED TO APPLY?

Most eligible children get Nebraska Summer EBT automatically because they already participate in programs like SNAP, TANF, or your school district confirmed your child's eligibility for free or reduced-price school meals. But here's the bottom line: If you don't receive the program automatically, and you have a child attending school, we recommend applying if you could use an extra \$120 to help with groceries over the summer. Students of any age who meet the income requirements (at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines) and attend schools that offer meals through the National School Lunch Program are eligible to apply.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz> to find out if your child will likely be automatically enrolled if they are eligible or if you should apply for benefits.

WHAT OTHER MEAL PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY KIDS THIS SUMMER?

Nebraska Summer EBT works alongside the Nebraska Summer Meals programs to help make sure kids get nutritious food all summer. Children who get Summer EBT can also get free summer meals. Find summer meals near you:

www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder

Have questions or need extra support?

Visit **<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Summer-EBT.aspx>** or call **800-383-4278** (select option 5).

RECEIVING NEBRASKA SUMMER EBT

DO I NEED TO APPLY? IF YES, HOW?

Most eligible children are automatically enrolled, but some need to apply. Use the [Nebraska Summer EBT eligibility checker](#) to see if your child will be automatically enrolled or if they need to apply.

If needed, submit an online or paper application by August 12, 2026. When applying, you will be asked to provide your child's name, school, date of birth, address, and your household income.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4tB6zuz> to get started!

HOW DO I CHECK OR UPDATE MY MAILING ADDRESS?

If you receive economic assistance programs, confirm your physical and mailing address on your accessnebraska.ne.gov account. If you do not receive economic assistance, contact the Nebraska Department of Education at **NDE.SEBT@nebraska.gov**. You should also confirm with your school district that the current address is on file.

WHAT INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS WILL I RECEIVE IN THE MAIL?

A letter will be sent to each eligible household to let you know that you're approved and that a Summer EBT card will arrive. Keep an eye out for information about how to activate your Summer EBT card(s). Your Summer EBT benefit card will arrive in a separate, plain white envelope. The envelope will not be marked with DHHS information, so it can be mistaken for junk mail. Save all your Summer EBT paperwork from the state just to be safe!

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE PROBLEMS ACTIVATING MY CARD OR HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS?

You can activate new Summer EBT cards by calling the number on the back of the card: **877-247-6328**. When asked for the primary cardholder's date of birth, enter the 8-digit birthday of the oldest child in the household. If the oldest child's birthday doesn't work, try the birthday(s) of other children in the household. (E.g. for Aug 21, 2016, enter "08 21 2016")