

New Mexico to deliver \$89 million in food assistance

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SANTA FE – Families for almost 228,000 New Mexico students will receive benefits starting on Sept. 18 through Sept. 26 to cover the summer months of June and July 2022.

Over \$89 million in Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer will be issued to cover summer meals for K-12 students who were eligible for free or reduced priced meals through the National School Lunch Program or attended a Community Eligible Provision school that received free meals as of June 30 for school year 2021-2022. The one-time amount will be \$391 to eligible students.

Parents and guardians will be able to check whether their child qualified for the latest P-EBT issuance at the **VERIFY P-EBT Information** section of the Human Services Department's **YESNM** portal on Sept. 20.

“The goal of Summer P-EBT is to help provide good nutrition to New Mexico’s children for the months they are not in school due to the summer break,” Deputy Secretary for the New Mexico Human Services Department, Angela Melrado, said. “In partnership with the Public Education Department, we want to ensure access to food for New Mexican families.”

The HSD is asking that people don’t destroy the P-EBT cards. If a new address or guardian was reported to the school, a new P-EBT card will be mailed to the new address starting on Sept. 18 through Sept. 26. Mailing can take up to 7-10 business days.

Any questions can be directed towards the NM PEBT Hotline at 1-833-415-0569 or the HSD Customer Consolidated Customer Service Center at 1-800-283-4465.

K-12 students do not need to be currently receiving SNAP food benefits in order to qualify for P-EBT.

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