

DELAY IN P-EBT CARDS UPDATE

The final P-EBT payment is delayed due to data issues. The current expected payment date is December 15th.

This is the response that DSS and SCDE will be sending now:

“There will be a delay in the issuance of K-12 Summer P-EBT benefits for students who submitted free or reduced-price meal applications during the summer months (June 1, 2022 - August 16, 2022). P-EBT cards for newly eligible K-12 students are expected to mail out after December 15, 2022. Please allow a minimum of 15 business days, after the card’s mailing, for card arrival. We apologize for this inconvenience.

If your student has already received the one-time 2021-2022 Summer K-12 P-EBT payment, no additional funds will be issued.”

Before sending a parent to SCDE with questions please check their status as free or reduced within the school district. The DSS portal, <https://benefitsportal.dss.sc.gov/#/pebt/benefitinquiry>, will update around December 15th for parents and SFAs to look up students.

P-EBT facts for the second round:

1. Students must have been enrolled in a school that participated in the NSLP for the last 20 days for the 2021-22 school year to be eligible for this payment as well.
2. These are 1 time payments. Students that received the August payment will not receive another payment.
3. New cards will be mailed to all eligible students. Please communicate to families they will need to wait until after December 15th to check the portal.
4. The application deadline to be newly eligible for P-EBT was August 16th. If you had a family complete an application in September, October, or November they will not receive a payment. We pulled data as of August 30th but that is not a date we are sharing with the public.
5. There are no school year payments for the 2022-23 school year.
6. If the date of birth is wrong in PowerSchool the district will need to provide the parent with the incorrect information so the parent can activate the P-EBT card. SCDE will not provide the incorrect date to parents.
7. Please do not send parents to the PEBT inbox at this time for questions about the next round of payments. They need to wait and check the portal. We will give them that exact same response. We have no access at this time to newly eligible data.
8. All parents should be directed to PEBT@ed.sc.gov. P-EBT is based on Federal Law. We will not treat any student differently from other students in SC. We will not violate Federal Law because parents did not fill out meal applications last school year.

