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Dear Parents/Guardians

Summer EBT is a new-to-NJ child nutrition program intended to reduce hunger and food insecurity for children who lose access to free school meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) during the summer when school is not in session.

This summer, NJ will send an EBT card to every eligible child to purchase food at participating retailers.

How to apply?

Your child receives free school meals:

If your child has already been certified as eligible to receive free school meals by your school district AND your household income is below 185% of the 2025-2026 [federal poverty level](#), then your child is automatically eligible to receive the federal Summer EBT benefit, and no further action is required.

Your child does not receive free school meals:

If your child is not already directly certified or categorically eligible, and you did not complete and return an application for free school meals to your child's school, then you are encouraged to submit a School Meals Application **no later than April 1, 2026**, to see if you qualify for the federal Summer EBT benefit **prior** to the start of summer. Applications are available online at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> or paper applications may be obtained at your child's school.

Please contact the Business Office if you have any questions at 732-935-3302.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hillman
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