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Subject: P-EBT Updates SY 2021-2022: Meal Applications and Parent Portal Info

The school meal application is used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-priced meals. By extension, eligibility for school meals is used to determine eligibility for P-EBT.

Non-CEP SFAs and schools **must** make school meal applications available as needed to certify children for free and reduced-priced meals and that information may be used to qualify newly eligible children for SY 2021-2022 and summer 2022 P-EBT benefits.

School Food Authorities should also continue to conduct direct certification as required by 7 CFR 245.6(b)(3).

Additionally, parents should be directed to the new [Parent Portal](#) for viewing and managing all of their children's P-EBT benefit cases.

The new portal will assist families with determining:

- if they are to receive P-EBT benefits
- what amounts they will/have received on their P-EBT card
- when additional funds have been added to their card

School systems should provide this link and information about the new portal to parents to help lessen the number of calls and questions regarding their child's benefits.