

**Leeds City Schools**  
*Promoting Achievement + Respect + Success*  
**CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM**  
**DO YOU QUALIFY???**

The Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR) has received federal approval to extend the Summer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits for the 2022 summer months. These benefits will help an estimated 485,000 children who participate in the National School Lunch Program. The National School Lunch Program provides free and reduced-priced meals to eligible families. Eligible families will receive \$391 for each child in the program.

Leeds City Schools has been directed by the Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition Division to provide an opportunity for families to apply for free or reduced-price meals using the normal application process. **USDA has NOT extended free meals for all students for the 2022-2023 school year. The Free or Reduced-Priced School Meals Application needs to be completed to identify children who are newly eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and P-EBT during the covered summer period.** Children newly certified for free or reduced priced meals during open enrollment will receive the total standard Summer P-EBT amount that the State proposes to issue (\$391 per child). Newly certified families will receive EBT cards in the mail. Households who previously received EBT benefits will access Summer P-EBT benefits on their existing EBT cards. All recipients should keep their EBT cards in case additional benefits are added in the future.

The Free or Reduced-Priced School Meals Application must be **returned and PROCESSED before August 31, 2022** to be considered for P-EBT. Families with questions about eligibility may contact the schools their children attend.

Eligible families may log in to [dhr.alabama.gov/food-assistance](https://dhr.alabama.gov/food-assistance) to monitor updates and timeframes for the arrival of benefits or families may call 1-800-410-5827 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday with questions.

**Applications may be printed from each school's website, completed and returned to Leeds Primary, Elementary, Middle or High Schools.**

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1. **mail:**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**  
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
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