

SOUTH DAKOTA P-EBT REPORT

School Year 2020–2021

WHO CARDS WERE ISSUED TO: Head of household

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR 2020–2021: Statewide media release and updated website with FAQs and contact information.

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED: 25,488

DATE TO START ISSUING SCHOOL-AGE BENEFITS: Late July or early August 2021

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED: 20,480

Summer 2021

STANDARD BENEFIT (Y/N): Yes

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SERVED:

58,500

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE SERVED: 20,480

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHOOL-AGE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER: \$21,937,500

TOTAL ESTIMATED CHILD CARE BENEFIT ISSUANCE FOR SUMMER: \$7,680,000

DATE TO START ISSUING CHILD CARE BENEFITS:

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SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES

SUMMARIES

FOR ISSUANCE: The South Dakota Department of Education (DOE) provided a file to the South Dakota Department of Social Services (DSS) with the students who met the qualifications of the school year 20- 21 P-EBT program for each month of the school year based on the instructional method being utilized throughout the school year.

SUMMARY OF HOW THE STATE IDENTIFIED NEWLY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: The DOE will direct distict staff to process all free and reduced-price applications received since school ended for the 20/21 school year. Our direction to the districts will be to enter the applicable data for all students found eligible for F/R lunch into our statewide Student Information System.

SUMMARY OF HOW STATE COLLECTED NAMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6: The SD Department of Social Services will utilize our information technology staff to identify all SNAP-eligible children who received P-EBT benefits for child care in the month of May 2021, and remained enrolled during some part of the covered summer period, through the eligibility and benefit files stored for childcare P-EBT.

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH PLAN FOR SUMMER 2021: See School Year Communications and Outreach Summary.

SUMMARY OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS:

DSS will have a specific email inbox and toll-free phone number for P-EBT inquiries. The inbox and phone will be monitored by experienced staff. DSS is committing several experienced staff, on a rotating basis, to assist with and research complex cases. DSS is committed to thoroughly researching P-EBT cases to ensure benefits reach eligible children.

DATE TO START ISSUING BENEFITS: September 15, 2021

