



Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT)

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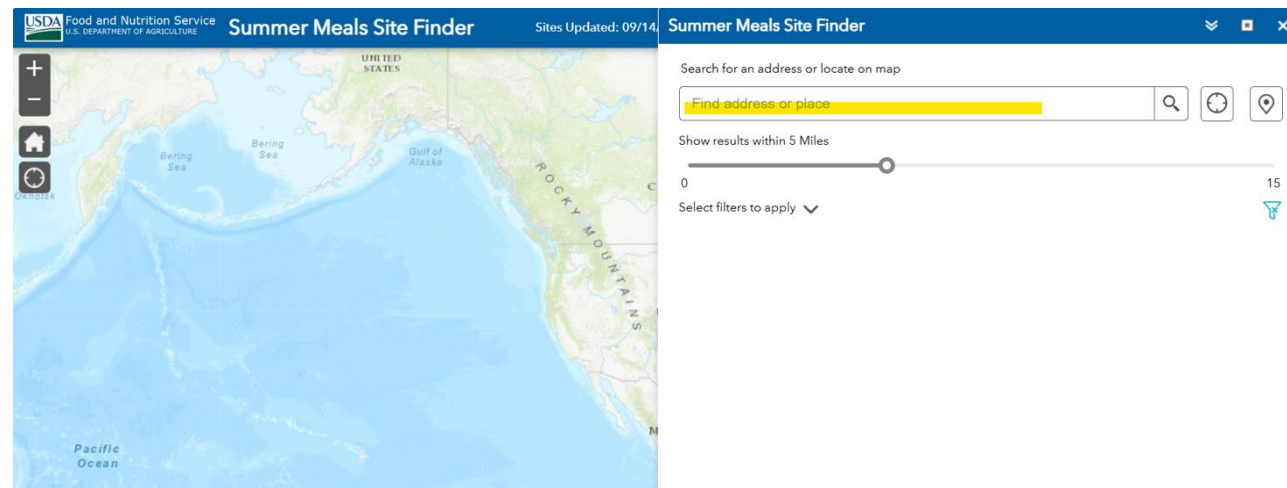


Housekeeping

- Submit SEBT questions, concerns, issues to nde.sebt@nebraska.gov
- **Federal requirement to issue benefits to eligible students – we need your help!**

Promoting Summer Food Service Program

- NSLP requirement to promote SFSP even if your school does not participate
- Newsletter blurb: visit [SFSP Site Finder](#) to find information about SFSP sites in your area
 - Will have site information *available by Memorial Day (5/25)*



SEBT Data Submission is Required

- If your school operates the SFSP: **SUBMIT DATA FOR SEBT**
- If your school does not operate the SFSP: **SUBMIT DATA FOR SEBT**

Agenda

- Summer EBT background and purpose
- Who qualifies for SEBT
- Providing eligible student information
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Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (SEBT)

- Permanent SEBT authorizes \$40 per month per eligible student for three months of summer break (\$120 per summer) **when school meals are not available**
- **Schools that operate SFSP must also submit SEBT data**

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Who is eligible?

Two requirements for students to qualify:

1. Enrolled in NSLP/SBP school with access to NSLP/SBP meals (can include preschool and up to 12th graders) *and*
2. Qualify for Free or Reduced-price school meals in SY2025-26
 - Include pre-K students who have access to school breakfast or lunch
 - NOT include children who have NDE (state) ID because they receive services and do not come to school

Free or Reduced-Price Meals Eligibility

- Direct Certification match for meal benefits
 - SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, MFREE, MRED, foster
- Extended benefits from DC match for SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, MFREE, MRED
- Other categorical eligibility for meal benefits –migrant, homeless, runaway, Head Start (documentation of current status)
- Approved for F/R school meals based on income eligibility application or master case number for SNAP
- Summer EBT application processed by the NDE

Community Eligibility Provision Students

- Attendance at CEP school \neq SEBT eligible
- **Must have individual student eligibility documentation**
- Direct Certification match list for **SNAP, MFREE, TANF, FDPIR**, foster, homeless, migrant
 - Live with student matched for **SNAP, MFREE, TANF, FDPIR**
- Not directly certified? Student will have option to complete **SEBT application** available online

ALTERNATE INCOME APPLICATION NOT VALID FOR SEBT

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Steps to Submit SEBT Data

1. Ensure student eligibility is current and correct
2. Attend this training or review training slides!
3. Review SEBT data file requirements
4. Aggregate data and populate SEBT template
5. Upload SEBT template in the NEW NDE Portal

Student Eligibility

Direct Certification

- Current enrollment data via SIS >> ADVISER
- ADVISER uses enrollment data to match with DHHS data for SNAP, Medicaid, foster
- Access direct certification list in CNP DC system

Application for meal benefits

- Process complete applications within 10 days

Provide eligible student data in approved SEBT template

Summer EBT Student Data Template

Scenario/Meal Eligibility Status for SY2025-26	School Action to be Taken
Students who are Directly Certified (matched) for SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, MFREE, MRED, foster	No action needed from school; these students are set up to receive SEBT. If it is difficult for your school to remove these students from your SEBT data submission, these students can be included in the SEBT_Template file.
Students identified as homeless, migrant, runaway, Head Start on direct certification match list or with documentation	Complete the SEBT_Template with these students' information (be sure to include most recently known mailing address)
Students who receive school meals benefits because SNAP, MFREE or MRED is extended from a student in the Direct Certification system (match list)	Complete the SEBT_Template with these students' information.
F/R eligible students because of approved meal application (i.e., household size and income <i>or</i> because a master case number for SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR)	Complete the SEBT_Template with these students' information.

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Community Eligibility Provision Schools

- No type of application collected by the school district can qualify a student for Summer EBT
- These students qualify for SEBT if they attend CEP building:
 - Directly certified/matched for SNAP, MFREE, MRED, TANF, FDPIR, foster;
 - Live with a student directly certified/matched for SNAP, MFREE, MRED, TANF, FDPIR
 - Documentation of current migrant or homeless status
 - Another child in household attends non-CEP school and submitted application approved for Free or Reduced-price meals

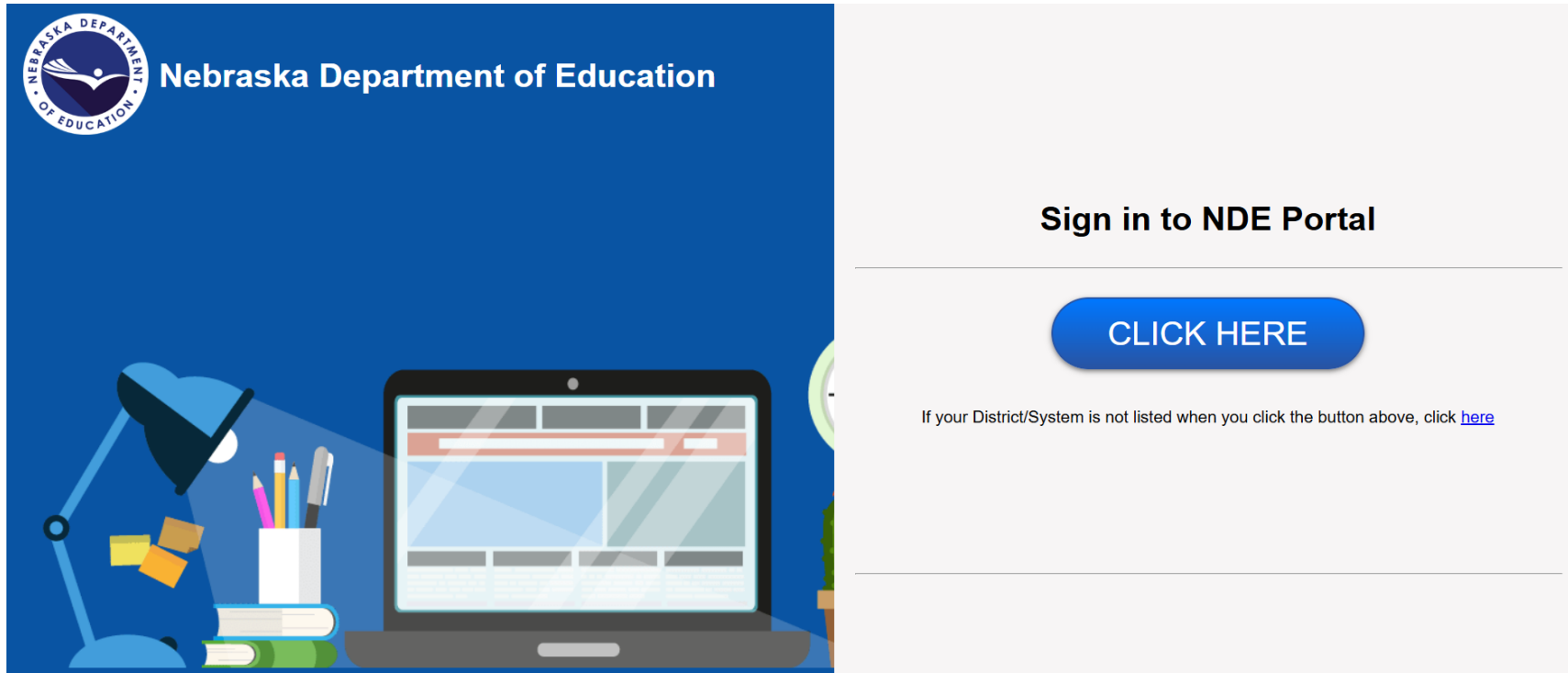
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1	Parent/Guardian First Name	Full first name of a parent/guardian who will receive the benefits, please use just one name, spelled the same for all siblings											
2	Parent/Guardian Last Name	Full last name of a parent/guardian, please use just one parent/guardian name spelled the same for all siblings											
3	Primary Language Spoken	Optional, used for DHHS contact											
4	Address Line 1	Street address/PO box of parent/guardian, please use the same address for all siblings in a household											
5	Address Line 2	Optional, second line of street address/PO box											
6	City	City of parent/guardian, please use the same address for all siblings in a household											
7	State	State abbreviation (2 letters) of parent/guardian, please use the same address for all siblings in a household											
8	Zip Code	Zip code (5 digits) of parent/guardian, please use the same address for all siblings in a household											
9	Parent Phone	Optional, used for DHHS contact											
10	Parent E-mail Address	Optional, used for DHHS contact											
11	Student First Name	Full first name											
12	Student Last Name	Full last name											
13	Student Birth Date	Formatted as MM/DD/YYYY, also used for EBT card PIN											
14	NDE Student ID	NDE's unique student ID (10 digits)											
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SEBT_Template **Definitions** (+)

Completing the SEBT Excel Template

Save as .xlsx file!

SEBT File Upload



Nebraska Department of Education

Sign in to NDE Portal

[CLICK HERE](#)

If your District/System is not listed when you click the button above, click [here](#)

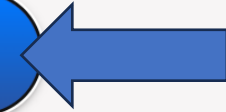
UPDATE: Portal opened on 4/13
Accepting submissions through _____



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Choose your
School District
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- Locate SEBT File Upload in the NEW NDE Portal
- All Superintendents will automatically be granted access
Superintendents may assign access to additional individuals
- Format used for SEBT in 2025 will be accepted in 2026

NEBRASKA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SEBT UPLOAD
NDE #01-3621

Piehl, Megan
District User

District:
OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOL
28-0001-000

School Year:
2025-2026

Dashboard

Instructions

Contact Us

Sign Out

SUBMIT DATA: OMAHA PUBLIC
PRIMARY YEAR: 2025-2026 DISTRICT ID: 28-0001-000

STUDENT DATA SUBMISSION

Please create a file containing all students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunches during the target school year.

The provided file must use the template format available below. After sending the file to NDE, the data will be reviewed by NDE and processed by DHHS for issuing benefits.

STANDARDIZED RESOURCES:

- System Instructions
- Download Empty Template

UPLOAD DATA FILE

Select a file
or drag and drop here
.CSV, .XLSX, .XLS

VALIDATE & UPLOAD

Upload instructions and template available in the app

Drag and drop the file into the box. Errors will display within seconds of upload and should be addressed immediately.

.xlsx file format

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Should ESUs submit student data?

- No, home school district will be instructed to provide information for eligible students
- Please communicate with home school districts' staff to confirm the home district will report SEBT eligibility for students

Should temporary alternative schools submit student data?

- No, home school district will be instructed to provide information for eligible students
- Please communicate with home school districts' staff to confirm the home district will report SEBT eligibility for students

Should Residential Child Care Institutions submit SEBT data?

- Maybe...
- Residential students do not need to have their information provided for SEBT.
- Non-residential students who have a SY2025-26 application for meal benefits APPROVED (household size and income or master case number) *should have their information provided for SEBT.*

Should I include students who have left my district?

- Yes, include these students in your SEBT file since they attended your NSLP-participating school and if they qualified for F/R price meals in SY2025-26
- But... DO NOT include them if you know they have moved out of the state of Nebraska

What about an expelled student?

- Yes, include a F/R eligible expelled student in your SEBT file since they attended your NSLP-participating school and qualified for F/R price meals in SY2025-26
- But... DO NOT include them if you know they have moved out of the state of Nebraska

Should I include homeschool students?

- Yes, if the student qualifies for F/R meals and attends your NSLP-participating school and eats one or more school meals regularly
 - Probably attends a class or classes before and/or after mealtime
- DO NOT include homeschool students just because their sibling attends school
- DO NOT include homeschool students who do not attend school and eat meals at school

Card Issuance

- Entire benefit amount (\$120) is available on the card from day 1. All cards must be used within 122 days of issuance
- Households can opt out of SEBT issuance (will be available from DHHS SEBT website)

What to Share with Households

- All students with Free or Reduced-price meal benefits in SY2025-26 qualify for and will receive SEBT.
- Date of card issuance depends on how student qualifies for SEBT
 - SNAP, Medicaid, TANF = April 23, 2026
 - F/R students eligible by extended Direct Cert benefits, meal application submitted to school, migrant, homeless, foster = depends on when school submits data to the NDE via the NDE Portal (*review issuance table*)

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SEBT Support

- School staff email data submission questions, upload issues to nde.sebt@nebraska.gov
- Household questions, concerns, inquiries call DHHS at 800-383-4278 or email DHHS.SEBT@nebraska.gov and be able to provide:
 - parent's first and last name, address, phone number, email address, children's first and last names and birthdates, school, school district, and summary of the issue



Questions?

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