



Burke Basic School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Summer P-EBT for School-Aged Children is available for 2023! The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 amends the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program through the summer of 2023. Summer P-EBT provides families of eligible children additional funds to purchase food during the summer while school is no longer in session. P-EBT is administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE). To be eligible for Summer 2023 P-EBT, students must be enrolled in the last month of the 2022-2023 academic school year in a participating National School Lunch Program (NSLP) site and determined eligible for free or reduced-price meals by the last day of the academic school year or June 30, 2023, whichever comes first. Students enrolled in the last calendar month of School Year (SY) 2022-23 at sites that participated in Special Provision Option (Provision 2, Provision 3, or Community Eligibility Provision) in SY 2022-23 automatically qualify for Summer 2023 P-EBT.

*[If your child doesn't already qualify for free or reduced-priced meals, please complete a household application and turn it into your child's school. Please contact **Linda Hernandez, 131 E southern Ave Mesa AZ 85210, (480)964-4602, Lhernandez@burkebasicschool.com** for confirmation of eligibility status or to access a household application for free or reduced-price meal benefits.*

Summer P-EBT is a complement to meals provided to children through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Students who receive Summer P-EBT benefits are still eligible to receive free meals at an SFSP-participating site.

Summer P-EBT benefits will be issued via a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child. Payment issuance for eligible children is expected beginning in August 2023 and will be loaded onto the existing P-EBT card. DES will send a letter in the mail providing instructions on how to access benefits or request a replacement card if you did not keep yours. **Student information, including current mailing address and parent/guardian name, must be current.** Please contact **Linda Hernandez** to update your information on file.

If you have questions regarding the Summer P-EBT payment schedule, please visit <https://des.az.gov/summer-p-ebt-information> or call the DES P-EBT hotline at (844) 841-3802.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "z".

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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;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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