



NC PANDEMIC EBT (P-EBT) INFORMATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (UNDER AGE 6) FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

WHO WILL GET P-EBT BENEFITS?

INCLUDED

A child must meet ALL the following criteria to be eligible for benefits:

1. Child is 5 years old or younger (as of September 1, 2022)
2. Child is part of an active FNS case during the benefit month
3. In order for a child to get benefits, there must be a continued decrease in meals served in child care centers during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). This is tracked by DHHS and calculated monthly.

For a self-guided eligibility quiz, visit:

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/p-ebt-eligibility-quiz>

<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/prueba-de-elegibilidad-de-p-ebt>

NOT INCLUDED

The following children are not eligible for benefits:

1. Children over the age of 6 (as of September 1, 2022)
2. Children not part of an active FNS case (NC will check each child’s FNS case status for each benefit month)
3. Children enrolled in schools that participate in the P-EBT program (even if they are under age 6) are considered “students” and will be assessed with Student P-EBT criteria for eligibility and benefits.

ELIGIBILITY IS REASSESSED FOR EACH BENEFIT MONTH.

IMPORTANT: Even if a child turns 6, they may continue to receive P-EBT if they **1)** are still on an active FNS case **and 2)** are not a student and picked up in the Student P-EBT population.

NOTE: Once approved, households who apply for FNS will receive P-EBT benefits retroactively back to the month of FNS application. If FNS benefits end, P-EBT benefits will also end.

HOW WILL CHILDREN RECEIVE BENEFITS?

Benefits will be electronically loaded onto the **FNS EBT card** of the child’s current FNS case.

If the child has changed households, a caregiver change can be reported by contacting the FNS case worker.

A new EBT card can be ordered or activated in one of three ways:

1. Log into your ebtEDGE.com account and select card from the Welcome page.
2. Download the ebtEDGE app from the App Store or Google Play Store, log in, and select a card.
3. Call the EBT Call Center IVR at 1-888-622-7328 and follow the prompts.

WHEN WILL P-EBT BENEFITS BE ISSUED?

Issuances will be scheduled for the last week of each month and will be made available to families over 3 days. When the Public Health Emergency (PHE) ends on May 11, 2023, benefits can no longer be accrued.

The first issuance will contain multiple months of benefits (if eligible), and proceed according to this schedule:

September 2022 – February 2023: Issued at the end of March 2023.

March 2023: Issued at the end of April 2023.

April 2023: Issued at the end of May 2023.

May 1 – 11, 2023: Issued at the end of June 2023

HOW MUCH WILL CHILDREN RECEIVE?

Children will receive a **statewide monthly benefit rate** set by North Carolina according to federal guidelines. All children across the state will receive the **same** amount. This amount may change monthly.

The monthly benefit amount can be found on the P-EBT website at www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT. The table will be updated each month as amounts are set and benefits are issued.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT to view P-EBT updates and answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). To view the website in Spanish, click “Versión en Español” on the homepage or visit [HERE](#).

You can also contact your FNS case worker or the EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.



NC STUDENT PANDEMIC EBT (P-EBT) INFORMATION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

WHO WILL GET STUDENT P-EBT BENEFITS?		*WHAT IS A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE?
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INCLUDED</u></p> <p>A student must meet <u>ALL</u> the following criteria each month to be eligible for benefits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). List of participating schools can be found here: https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/p-ebt-school-eligibility Approved for free or reduced-price meals through the NSLP. The school meets a USDA-made threshold of reduced attendance due to COVID-19 this year. This tool is updated monthly with DPI data and will tell you if your school qualifies. Experienced one or more days of quarantine and/or temporary virtual instruction* (COVID-19 related absences) and these are recorded in their student attendance record. <p>For a self-guided eligibility quiz, visit: https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/p-ebt-eligibility-quiz https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/prueba-de-elegibilidad-de-p-ebt</p> <p>Households should apply for FNS or FRP before May 31.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for becoming P-EBT eligible in May 31, and these applications can take over a month to process. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOT INCLUDED</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students enrolled in schools that do not participate in the NSLP. Students who have graduated, dropped out of school, or transferred to a school that does not participate in the (NSLP). Students who are not approved for NSLP free or reduced-price meals this school year. Students who are attending school in person every day. Students who do not have COVID-19 related absences* recorded in their attendance record (sick, quarantine, temporary virtual instruction). <div style="text-align: center; background-color: #002060; color: white; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>ELIGIBILITY IS REASSESSED EACH MONTH.</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">*WHAT IS A COVID-19 RELATED ABSENCE?</p> <p>Quarantine (attendance code: 1D): when the school tells the student to stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure or a parent/guardian informs the school about a student's COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure and the school approves the absence.</p> <p>Temporary virtual instruction (attendance code: 1R): when the student is enrolled in a physical school but is in virtual or remote learning for a temporary period because of COVID-19.</p> <p>It's important that attendance is recorded with P-EBT in mind because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the sick attendance code is technically correct for COVID-19 illness, it will not be picked up as P-EBT eligible in the system; if a student is sick with COVID-19 or symptoms, use the quarantine code instead of the sick attendance code. It impacts P-EBT eligibility AND benefit amount Incorrect codes may result in missing benefits for students in need <p><i>Incorrect codes may result in benefits issued for ineligible students</i></p>
ACTIVATE OR ORDER A NEW CARD		WHEN WILL P-EBT BENEFITS BE ISSUED?
<p>To activate or order a new card:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Log into your ebtEDGE.com account and select card from the Welcome page. Download the ebtEDGE app from the App Store or Google Play Store, log in, and select a card and follow the prompts. Call the EBT Call Center IVR at 1-888-622-7328 and follow the prompts. <p>To activate a card and set a PIN, enter the date of birth (DOB) of the youngest school aged child in your household. Enter the DOB using two digits for the month, two digits for the day, and four digits for the year. For example, DOB of June 1, 2008, would be entered as 06012008.</p> <p>You may need to try the DOB for all children in your household if the youngest doesn't work.</p>		<p>September 2022 To January 2023: Benefits for students eligible in months from September 2022 - January 2023 will be issued by the end of March 2023.</p> <p>February 2023 To May 11, 2023 (end of PHE): Regularly scheduled benefit issuances will begin in late March. Benefits will be issued retroactively at the end of each month until the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11. After May 11, students will no longer be able to accrue benefits, but are still entitled to any benefits accrued on / before that date. Like other months, students will receive May benefits the month after, in June 2023.</p>
HOW MUCH WILL STUDENTS RECEIVE?		POINTS OF CONTACT / ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS
<p>Students will ONLY receive \$8.18 in benefits for each eligible day spent in quarantine and/or temporary virtual instruction.</p>		<p>Attendance questions: family must contact child's school.</p> <p>NSLP FRP application: family must contact child's school.</p> <p>NSLP FRP approval: family must contact district School Nutrition Office.</p> <p>Report caregiver change: family must contact FNS case worker if applicable, AND the child's school.</p> <p>Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT for P-EBT updates and answered to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or contact the EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.</p>