
**NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES &
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SY 21-22 STUDENT P-EBT OVERVIEW**

North Carolina's plan has been approved by USDA to continue Student P-EBT through the 2021-22 school year under new guidance. P-EBT this year will provide benefits from September 2021 through May 2022. Due to the P-EBT eligibility requirements and most students back to attending school in person, many households may no longer receive P-EBT.

The following outlines key information regarding SY 21-22 Student P-EBT:

Eligibility

A student must meet **all** the following conditions to be eligible for P-EBT:

1. Attend a [school that participates](#) in the National School Lunch Program **and** be approved for free or reduced-price meals
2. Experience one or more days in COVID-19 quarantine or temporary virtual instruction and these **days are coded** as such **in the student attendance record**
 - **Quarantine** (attendance code: 1D): school tells the student to stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure **or** parent/guardian informs the school about a student's COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure and the school approves the absence.
 - **Temporary virtual instruction** (attendance code: 1R for present, off-site): student is enrolled in a physical school but is in virtual or remote learning for a temporary period because of COVID-19. Students can be in temporary virtual instruction if they are enrolled in a physical school.
 - *Please refer to the [SY 21-22 School Attendance and Student Accounting Manual](#) and the "Lawful Student Absence Pursuant to Required Control Measures" memo for more information.*

IMPORTANT: *Students enrolled in fully virtual schools and virtual academies are NOT eligible for P-EBT because these schools aren't eligible to participate in the NSLP.*

Timeline

- December 10th: Schools submit August, September, October, and November data to DPI.
 - o The data requirements have changed for SY 21-22.
 - o August data will be used to qualify schools by confirming some level of reduced attendance or hours because of COVID-19. There will be no benefits issued for August.
- Early December: Toolkit 1.0 materials will be provided.
- Early January: Toolkit 2.0 materials will be provided.
- January 10th: 1st issuance of P-EBT benefits for SY 21-22 (September, October, and November benefits)
- January 10th: Schools submit December data to DPI.
- January 25th: December benefits will be issued to eligible students.
- February 1st: The regular monthly cadence commences:
 - o Monthly school data due to DPI by the 10th of each month for the previous month
 - o Benefits issued between the 25th – 30th of each month for the previous month