
**NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES &
NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
SY 20-21/SY 21-22 STUDENT P-EBT COMPARISON**

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is the federal agency that authorizes Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) and creates program rules. USDA released new guidance for P-EBT in SY 21-22. To comply with USDA guidance and with most children back to in-person school and receiving their meals at school, the North Carolina P-EBT program has adjusted the eligibility criteria and calculation of benefits for Student P-EBT this school year. Outlined below are the high-level changes to Student P-EBT in SY 21-22.

HOW TO USE THIS CHART

This chart shows a comparison for Student P-EBT last school year (SY 20-21) and Student P-EBT for this school year (SY 21-22). Use the chart below to see what has **stayed the same** and what has **changed**.

SY 2020-2021 (August 2020 – June 2021)	SY 2021-2022 (September 2021 – May 2022)
ELIGIBILITY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) • Student is approved to receive free and reduced-price meals through NSLP • Student is in a fully “remote learning mode” (all virtual instruction) or a “hybrid learning mode” (combination of virtual and in-person learning) during the month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) • Student is approved to receive free and reduced-price meals through NSLP
BENEFIT AMOUNT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive hybrid (less than 100% virtual instruction) or remote (100% virtual instruction) benefits each month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will receive \$7.10 (daily rate set by USDA) for each eligible day spent in quarantine and/or temporary virtual instruction*

***KEY DEFINITIONS**

Quarantine (attendance code: 1D for quarantine)

A student may be considered in quarantine when the school tells the student to **stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure**.

A student may also be considered in quarantine if the parent or 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)

A student is considered in temporary virtual instruction when the student is enrolled in a physical school but is in **virtual or remote learning for a temporary period of time because of a COVID-19 incident or reason**. Students can be in temporary virtual instruction if they are enrolled in a physical school. ***Students in virtual academies are not in temporary virtual instruction.***