

COVID-19 NC RESPONSE

2021-2022 School Year: NC Student Pandemic EBT Information



Who is eligible and how much is the P-EBT benefit?

Families do not need to apply for P-EBT. Student information and attendance records submitted by schools will be used to determine eligibility and benefit amount.

Eligible students will receive \$7.10 for each day spent in a COVID-19 related quarantine or temporary virtual instruction.

To be eligible for P-EBT, a student must meet all 3 conditions:

- 1. Be enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).**
- 2. Be eligible for NSLP free or reduced-price meals.**

Student eligibility is determined by:

 - Household application for free or reduced-price meals (contact your child's school to apply), **or**
 - Student attends a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, **or**
 - Student belongs to a household that receives FNS benefits, **or**
 - Student is homeless, in foster care, and/or migrant, and the school knows about the situation
- 3. Be physically absent from school due to a COVID-19 related quarantine or temporary virtual instruction.**
 - **Quarantine:** when the school tells the student to stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure. A school may also approve quarantine days if the parent/guardian informs the school that the student has COVID-19 symptoms, illness, or exposure.
 - **Temporary virtual instruction:** when the student attends a physical school but is in remote learning for a temporary period because of COVID-19.

Eligibility for Student P-EBT is reassessed each month.

When will benefits be issued?

Students eligible between September and November will receive benefits mid-January. Starting at the end of January, students will receive benefits one month after the month that they are eligible. For example, students eligible in December will receive benefits at the end of January.

How will benefits be issued?

Benefits will be issued on the family's existing EBT or P-EBT card. Students eligible this year for the first time will receive a P-EBT card in the mail.

How do I use or activate my P-EBT card?

You can activate or order a new card in one of the following ways:

1. Visit www.ebtedge.com. Click on "More Information" under *EBT Cardholder*. You will be prompted to login and/or register your account.
2. Download the ebtEDGE mobile app on the Apple Store or Google Play Store.
3. Call 1-888-622-7328 and follow the prompts to activate your card and select a PIN.

To activate the P-EBT card and select a PIN, enter the date of birth (DOB) of the youngest eligible student in your household. It might be necessary to try the DOB of other students in your household if the first attempt does not work. Enter the date of birth using two digits for the month, two digits for the day, and four digits for the year. For example, if the date of birth is June 1, 2008, you would enter 06012008.

More Resources

- More information about the P-EBT program can be found at www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT.
- For information on other food resources, visit nc211.org or call 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162. Please note that 2-1-1 cannot assist with eligibility or benefit amount.
- For the latest information on COVID-19, visit nc.gov/covid19.

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