Student P-EBT Eligibility

Student Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a food assistance program that helps students who would normally receive National School Lunch Program **free or reduced-price meals** at school but cannot get them when they are not physically present because of COVID-19. Due to federal rules, eligibility requirements have changed for this school year.

The chart below will help determine if a student is eligible for any given month between September 2021 and May 2022.

Important: A student must meet these requirements each month to be eligible for benefits.

Does the student attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?
Virtual academies are not eligible to participate.

Click on this link to see if the student's school is on this list for the 21-22 school year.

School is on list

School is not on list

The student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT because they do not attend a participating school.

Is the student approved for free or reduced-price (F/RP) meals through the NSLP for this school year?

Unsure

The School Nutrition Office can inform parents whether or not their child is approved for F/RP meals.

Yes

No

The student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT because they are not approved for F/RP.

Households can apply through their child's school for F/RP meals through the NSLP.

Was the student quarantined or in temporary virtual instruction?*

Unsure

Parents/guardians can contact their child's school to discuss their attendance record.

Yes

No

The student **is eligible** for Student P-EBT and will get benefits for the days when they were not physically in school based on COVID related absences in their attendance record.

The student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT for months when they were present in school full time based on COVID related absences in their attendance record.

***COVID Absence Definitions**

Quarantine (attendance code **1D**): school tells the student to stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure **and/or** parent/guardian informs the school about a student's COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure and 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 of time because of a COVID-19 incident or reason.

Virtual academies and fully virtual schools are not included.