



Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Benefits for School Meals

- *Children eligible for free or reduced price meals?*
- *Children didn't get free or reduced school meals during the school year, but family has lost income due to lost job or fewer hours?*

When you have lost income, every dollar matters. Federal nutrition programs are here to help you stretch your dollars, provide healthy meals for your family, and focus on paying other bills. You may think you are not eligible, but check the chart to be sure.

How much help will P-EBT give me?

P-EBT will provide you \$5.70 per day per child for each missed school day. These benefits will run through June 12, the official Pennsylvania average end of the school year.

- If your child was receiving free or reduced price meals when schools closed, you will receive \$365 for each child (for 64 days, March 16-June 12, except Memorial Day).
- If your child became eligible for free or reduced price meals after schools closed, you will receive a pro-rated amount for the number of weekdays from the first of the month in which your child was determined eligible to the end of the year.

Determined eligible during April	\$302.10/child for April 1 – June 12
Determined eligible during May	\$171/child for May 1 – June 12

What do I need to do?

If your child did not receive free or reduced price lunch during the school year, contact your school to apply with a correct current address. You may also apply online through [COMPASS](#). If your child received free or reduced price lunches during the school year, **make sure your school has your current address on file**. (If you moved since the beginning of the school year, you need to notify your school of your new address.)

How will I get my benefits?

If you already receive SNAP, TANF Cash Assistance, or Medical Assistance, your benefits will be added to your EBT card within approximately 15 days. If you don't receive these benefits, a P-EBT card will be mailed to you with instructions.

What if I live in a community eligible district, but my family doesn't need the benefits?

All students will receive the benefit. The benefit is good for six months, and your family may need them at a future time.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free & Reduced Meals

Family Size	Free Meals or Milk	Reduced Price Meals	
	(130% of Poverty Guidelines) Yearly Income	(185% of Poverty Guidelines) Yearly Income	Monthly Income
One	\$0 to \$16,237	\$16,237 to \$23,107	\$1,926
Two	\$0 to \$21,983	\$21,984 to \$31,284	\$2,607
Three	\$0 to \$27,729	\$27,730 to \$39,461	\$3,289
Four	\$0 to \$33,475	\$33,476 to \$47,638	\$3,970
Five	\$0 to \$39,221	\$39,222 to \$55,815	\$4,652
Six	\$0 to \$44,967	\$44,968 to \$63,992	\$5,333
Seven	\$0 to \$50,713	\$50,714 to \$72,619	\$6,015
Eight	\$0 to \$56,459	\$46,460 to \$80,346	\$6,696
For Each Additional Family Member			
Add:	\$5,746	\$8,177	\$682

Source: PA Department of Education