

P-EBT: Money for Food for All NYC Public School Students

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a program for families to buy food

P-EBT covers the cost of missed school meals while students were learning from home from March to June 2020. In NYC, every single public school student will receive \$420. Students in charter and parochial schools may receive P-EBT if their school participates in the federal school lunch program.

Every single NYC public school student is eligible

All NYC public school students, ages 3-21, regardless of income or immigration status will receive P-EBT. *Benefits will be issued automatically.* There is no application or documentation required and it does not affect eligibility for other benefits or public charge status.

When and how you get it depends on your current benefits

WAVE 1

Students enrolled in SNAP and/or Public Assistance (PA): P-EBT will be added to your current EBT card by early July.

WAVE 2

Students enrolled in Medicaid but not SNAP and/or PA: P-EBT will be added to your Medicaid card by early July. Expect a letter in the mail to set up a PIN number.

WAVE 3

Students not enrolled in SNAP, PA, or Medicaid: A new P-EBT card will be mailed to your home in July or August.

Use the EBT card like a bank debit card for food

You can use P-EBT to buy food at retail food stores, such as supermarkets and local stores. P-EBT food benefits are available on your card for one year from the date they are issued.

Can we still get free grab-and-go meals from schools once we have P-EBT?

Yes! Text NYC Food to 877-877 for locations.

All families receive \$420 per student

\$5.70 per student per day for 74 days to cover the days that schools were closed in spring 2020, March 16-June 25.

March	\$68
April	\$125
May	\$119
June	\$108

= \$420



Frequently Asked Questions

Community Food Advocates FAQs: bit.ly/CFAPEBT

State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) FAQs: on.nyc.gov/p-ebt



***New* State OTDA P-EBT Helpline**
1-833-452-0096

or email otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov



Check Your Card Balance

Check your P-EBT food benefits balance by visiting www.connectebt.com or by calling **1-888-328-6399**



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