P-EBT covers the cost of missed school meals while students learn remotely.

Every single NYC public school student is automatically eligible—regardless of income or immigration status. No application or registration is required. P-EBT does not affect any other benefits or public charge status. Students in parochial or charter schools may be eligible if their school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

The per month amount is based on a student’s primary mode of learning for each of the 10 months of the school year (September 2020–June 2021).

**Distribution 1** funds for September 2020 - March 2021, expected to start mid-June 2021*

**Distribution 2** funds for April - June 2021, expected to start in late summer/fall 2021*

*Distribution dates are approximate

P-EBT funds will be issued automatically to families in one of four ways:

1. **Current EBT card**
   - if the student is enrolled in SNAP or Public Assistance (PA). Check your balance throughout the summer months. Funds are not specified as P-EBT.

2. **Medicaid CBIC card**
   - only if the student’s P-EBT funds were issued to this card for spring 2020 AND spent.

3. **Spring 2020 P-EBT card**
   - only if the student’s P-EBT funds were issued to this card for spring 2020 AND spent.

4. **New P-EBT card that will be mailed**
   - for each student who:
     - Is new to the school system this year and not enrolled in SNAP or public assistance;
     - OR
     - Received their spring 2020 P-EBT on an existing SNAP and/or public assistance EBT card or Medicaid CBIC but are no longer enrolled in those programs;
     - OR
     - Received their spring 2020 P-EBT on a P-EBT card or Medicaid CBIC card but did not spend the benefit.

NY State Frequently Asked Questions: [on.nyc.gov/p-ebt](on.nyc.gov/p-ebt)
NY State P-EBT Helpline: 1-833-452-0096
EBT Customer Service 1-888-328-6399 or [www.connectebt.com](www.connectebt.com) to request a replacement card, check your balance, or activate (PIN) a card

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