

P-EBT School Enrollment Benefits for the 2021-2022 School Year

The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program is a federal program created to provide food assistance to families with students enrolled in school who had reduced access to meals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the program was created in April 2020, P-EBT benefits have provided access to healthy and wholesome food to more than 504,440 Colorado children.

Important information for families with children enrolled in school:

- **There is no P-EBT application;** the P-EBT program can only act on data submitted to the program by other state agencies.
- **Make sure your student's school has the correct mailing address** on file to ensure benefit notifications are sent to the correct address.
- **Keep P-EBT cards.** Do not throw away your student's P-EBT card when it reaches a zero balance; possible future benefits will be issued on existing P-EBT cards.

Eligibility for children enrolled in school:

- The student was enrolled at a National School Lunch Program-participating school; AND
- Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price meals; AND
- 100% remote or hybrid learning for at least one month; AND/OR
- In-Person learning impacted by COVID-19 outbreaks; AND/OR
- Extended school closures due to COVID-19.

P-EBT benefits will be issued after the 2021-22 school year has ended and will be based on school attendance and COVID-19 outbreak information **reported by the student's school district**. Families can use P-EBT funds to purchase foods based on their dietary needs and preferences from retailers in their communities. P-EBT School Enrollment benefits are made available on existing P-EBT cards. If a student is newly eligible for P-EBT benefits, a new card will be mailed. Please note there is a 30-45 day mailing period for new cards.

P-EBT School Enrollment benefit amounts:

* P-EBT benefit amounts vary, depending on the child-level learning modality reported to the P-EBT program by the student's school or district.

- **Remote:** \$142/ month.
- **Hybrid:** \$85/ month.
- **In-Person:** \$0/ month.
- **COVID Outbreak:** Varies, based on data from CDPHE and specific reports from individual schools.
- **COVID-Related School Closure:** Varies, based on specific reports from individual schools.
- **COVID-Related Unplanned Alternate Schedule:** Varies, based on specific reports from individual schools.

Tentative Benefit Issuance Schedule:

- September 2021 - December 2021 benefits: Beginning in August 2022
- January 2022 - May 2022 benefits: Issuance will be announced at a later date

More updates will be shared on the [P-EBT website](#), on CDHS social media channels, and through community partners.

Contact Colorado P-EBT: Need help with your child's P-EBT benefits? You can reach the P-EBT Support Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

- **Phone:** 1.800.536.5298
- **Text:** 720.741.0550
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