

# Pandemic EBT Quick Facts

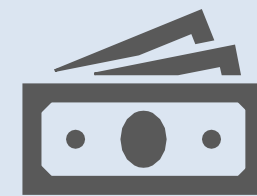
*Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides food benefits to students who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price meals at school due to COVID-19.*

## Will Connecticut be issuing P-EBT Benefits for the 2020 – 2021 school year?



Yes.

## What will the amount of benefits be for the 2020 – 2021 school year?



The amount you will receive depends on what the learning model your child was in each month and could be different from child to child. For more information, or for tips on how to maximize your nutrition benefits including P-EBT, SNAP, and WIC visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/p-ebt>

## When will P-EBT benefits be issued?



P-EBT benefits will be issued in two phases.

The 1<sup>st</sup> phase covers the months of September-January. Phase 1 benefits will begin being issued in early April.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase covers the months of February - the end of the school year. Phase 2 benefits will be issued beginning in late June into July.

## Will everyone who received P-EBT benefits in the summer also receive benefits this year?

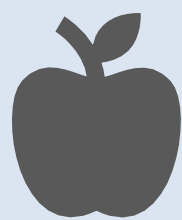


No. The following groups are no longer eligible for P-EBT benefits:

- Students who are no longer eligible for free or reduced-priced school meals. \*
- Students who received P-EBT benefits in the summer of 2020 but have since graduated from High School.
- Students who received P-EBT benefits in the summer of 2020 but have since moved out of the state and are not attending a school in Connecticut.
- Students who are learning in person at their school for the entire school year.

\*Most CT schools are offering meals at no cost to all students for the 2020-21 school year, due to the public health emergency. However, P-EBT eligibility is determined using: A school meals application approved for free or reduced-priced meals on file with the student's school; Direct certification for free or reduced-priced school meals through receiving SNAP, TFA, or Husky A ( $\leq$  185% FPL) with DSS; Direct certification for free school meals through determination as foster, homeless, runaway, and some Head Start; or, Enrollment in a school participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

## Do I need to do anything to receive 2020 - 2021 P-EBT benefits?



No. The CT Dept. of Social Services (DSS) and CT Dept. of Education (CSDE) use information provided by the students' schools to determine who is eligible for P-EBT. P-EBT benefits will be issued automatically.

## What do I do if I do not have a P-EBT card?



If you currently receive SNAP or TFA benefits on an EBT card, P-EBT benefits will be added to your existing card. If you do not currently receive SNAP or TFA benefits on an EBT card, a P-EBT card will be mailed to your home. No benefits will be added to your original card sent in the summer of 2020. However, it is important you retain the card mailed to you in phase 1, as phase 2 benefits will be added to that same card.

## Do my homeschooled child/children qualify for P-EBT food benefits?



Only Students who receive free, or reduced-price lunch at school are eligible for P-EBT food benefits. Households with homeschooled children do not usually receive free, or reduced-price school lunches, and therefore are not eligible for P-EBT food benefits.

For questions visit us online at <https://portal.ct.gov/p-ebt> or call DSS at 1-855-626-6632.