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FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

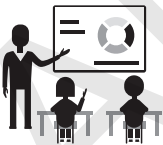
Louisiana received federal approval to issue Pandemic EBT benefits for the 2020-21 school year to families of children who normally receive free or reduced-price school meals, but haven't been receiving those meals due to school closures or virtual (by computer) or hybrid (partially computer-based and partially in school) learning situations related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL HAS PROVIDED INFORMATION DEEMING YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR P-EBT BENEFITS.

THERE IS NO APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THESE BENEFITS.

Your child's school has provided the state with all needed information and your child's learning situation. DCFS is in the process of mailing a P-EBT card to each eligible child.


YOU CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE A P-EBT CARD FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD BY MAIL IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS. The card will be issued in the child's name. Families with more than one child may receive their children's cards at different times, according to when each child's school submitted their information.



HYBRID

Eligible students in hybrid learning situations:

\$48.23 PER MONTH



FULLY VIRTUAL

Eligible students in Fully Virtual learning situations:

\$120.71 PER MONTH

PLEASE NOTE: If you received a P-EBT card for the 2019-2020 school year, you will be issued a new card for the 2020-2021 school year. If you still have 2019-2020 benefits on that card, do NOT throw it away. You will NOT be able to consolidate benefits onto one card.

STUDENT ID NUMBER NEEDED

To activate your P-EBT card, you will need your child's student ID number to enter in place of their Social Security Number. If you do not have your child's student ID number, please contact your school.

WHAT CAN I BUY WITH MY P-EBT CARD?

P-EBT cards can be used to purchase most food items at any store that accepts SNAP EBT cards. The cards cannot be used to purchase "hot foods" (those prepared to eat at the store), alcohol, tobacco, or nonfood items such as vitamins or medicines, soap or hygiene items, paper goods, household supplies, or pet food.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MY CHILD'S LEARNING SITUATION ELIGIBILITY?

Parents/guardians should contact their child's local school directly to determine if they were classified as hybrid or fully virtual for portions of the school year.

For more information on P-EBT for the 2020-2021 school year, visit pebt-la.org

Benefits will be retroactive to August 1, 2020 to cover the full school year and will be issued in three installments over the next few months.

If your student's learning schedule changed, their benefit level will change accordingly, as reported by their school.

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- Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
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