

P-EBT Talking Points

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Pandemic EBT, or P-EBT, is for the families of students who...

- were **eligible for free or reduced-price school meals**, AND
- haven't been able to access those meals on campus every day because they're on **virtual or hybrid learning schedules** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An **estimated 259,000 students are eligible** to receive P-EBT for the 2020-21 school year.

(Served 284,000 families last year, when all schools were closed.)

Changes from last year's P-EBT program:

- **NO APPLICATION NEEDED!**
 - Schools will provide lists of eligible students to DCFS, and
 - We'll issue each eligible student a P-EBT card based on the information the schools provide.
 - **QUESTIONS about Eligibility Status:** Reach out to the child's school or district. They are making those determinations and providing information on eligible students to DCFS.
- **One card per child – in student's name**
 - These will be **NEW cards**, *not* last year's P-EBT cards (and *not* on SNAP recipients' SNAP cards).
 - **Parents will need their child's Student ID number to activate the child's card**, rather than a Social Security Number. If they don't have that information, they'll need to reach out to their child's school.
- Issued in **installments, starting this Summer**
 - First installment will cover the months of **August 2020 – October 2020**
 - **Please be patient.** Will take a while to issue all the cards.
 - **Timing is not the same for everyone.**
 - Will depend on when each school submits their students' info
 - Families with more than one child may receive their children's cards at different times, depending on when we get each child's info.

How much in benefits...

- **Depends on their learning schedule:**
 - **\$48.23** per month for **hybrid**
 - **\$120.71** per month for **fully virtual**
- *Schools will provide student info to DCFS*

More info at www.pebt-la.org