

## **PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER (P-EBT)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q. What is P-EBT?**

A. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 provided additional funding to families whose children qualified for free or reduced-price meals last school year (2019-2020). Money was offered to replace meals that school children would have received at school if school buildings were open. Funds were loaded onto Oregon Trail Cards and sent through the mail or were loaded electronically onto existing Oregon Trail Cards for families already receiving SNAP or TANF benefits.

**Q. What's happening now?**

A. Recently, Oregon has applied for more funding. If approved, funds will be available to cover school days from October 2020 through June 2021.

**Q. Do I have to apply to get P-EBT?**

A. Maybe. Read the next few questions.

**Q. My children qualify for benefits under SNAP, TANF, Foster, Migrant, or Homeless programs. Do I need to apply?**

A. No. Families receiving benefits under any of the above programs will automatically receive P-EBT funds.

**Q. We submitted a Confidential Household Application for Free/Reduced-Price meals during the 2020-2021 school year and the application was approved. Do I need to apply?**

A. No. If your family is already approved, you will receive P-EBT funds.

**Q. My children attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, where all students receive free meals. Do I need to apply?**

A. No. All active students at CEP schools will receive P-EBT funds.

**Q. Which schools are Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) schools?**

A. Here is a list of CEP schools. If your child attends one of these schools, you will receive P-EBT funds.

Aloha Huber Park K-8  
Barnes Elementary  
Beaver Acres Elementary  
Chehalem Elementary  
Fir Grove Elementary  
Greenway Elementary  
Hazeldale Elementary  
Kinnaman Elementary  
McKay Elementary  
McKinley Elementary  
Merlo Community School  
Vose Elementary  
William Walker Elementary

**Q. I applied for Meal Benefits and my application was denied, then our household income decreased. Can I re-apply?**

A. Yes. Please submit a 2020-2021 Confidential Household Application for Free & Reduced-Price Meals. The fastest and safest way to apply is online through [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). If you are unable to apply online, please pick up a paper application at any meal serving site or request an application from the Meal Benefits office. You can email us at [NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us) or call (503)356-3957.

**Q. My Meal Benefits application was denied, then I received a letter saying my student qualified for free meals under the Oregon Expanded Income Guidelines. Will we receive P-EBT money?**

A. No. Meal Benefits are funded through the federal government while EIG is an Oregon-funded program. Please refer to your Expanded Income Guidelines (EIG) letter, which states that "Qualifying for Oregon EIG does not qualify your household for other programs or discounts."

**Q. I have not applied for Meal Benefits for the 2020-2021 school year because all students are receiving free meals. Do I need to apply?**

A. If you hope to receive P-EBT, yes. Pandemic-EBT is *money*, which is different from the *food* supplied by the Beaverton School District. Please submit a 2020-2021 Confidential Household Application for Free & Reduced-Price Meals. The fastest and safest way to apply is online through [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). If you are unable to apply online, please pick up a paper application at any meal serving site or request an application from the Meal Benefits office. You can email us at [NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us) or call (503)356-3957.

**Q. I think we applied for Meal Benefits but I'm not sure. What do I do?**

A. Check your [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com) account or contact the Meal Benefits office. Email us at [NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us) or call (503)356-3957.

**Q. How will I know if my family qualifies for Meal Benefits after I apply?**

A. You will receive an approval or denial letter via US Mail from the Meal Benefits office within 10 business days of your application being processed.

**Q. We moved this school year. How will the state of Oregon know where to send my P-EBT card?**

To update your address, go to ParentVue ([https://parentvue.beaverton.k12.or.us/PXP2\\_Login\\_Parent.aspx?regenerateSessionId=TrueParentVue](https://parentvue.beaverton.k12.or.us/PXP2_Login_Parent.aspx?regenerateSessionId=TrueParentVue)) or contact your child's school office. If you have children at multiple schools, you need to contact each school separately.

**Q. I heard my child was eligible for P-EBT benefits last spring, but the child's other parent got the card.**

A. The guardian on record with the school on the date of issuance received the benefit. Be sure your child's school records are up to date. If you have children at multiple schools, you need to contact each school separately.

**Q. When will we get P-EBT funds?**

A. Oregon has applied for the funds; the request has not yet been approved by the US Department of Agriculture. After funding is approved, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) will release more information, including expected dates for distribution of funds.

**Q. My children are doing FLEX online. Can we get P-EBT funds?**

A. Yes, if you qualify for free and reduced meal benefits. Please submit a 2020-2021 Confidential Household Application for Free & Reduced-Price Meals. The fastest and safest way to apply is online through [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com). If you are unable to apply online, please pick up a paper application at your child's school or request an application from the Meal Benefits office. You can email us at [NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us) or call (503)356-3957.

**Q. Does P-EBT cover the whole 2020-2021 school year?**

A. We do not have complete information yet. More details will be released to families as soon as BSD receives that information.

**If you have further questions, contact Meal Benefits at (503)356-3957 or send questions to [NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us](mailto:NS-MealBenefits@beaverton.k12.or.us)**

