



# Southern Local Schools

## Important Information about Your Child's School Meals

If a child in your household usually attends a school building, is in preschool through 12th grade, and is eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program, they may be eligible for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program if:

- The school has been operating with reduced attendance or hours (for example, with a hybrid schedule) for at least 5 consecutive days OR
- The school has been fully remote learning for at least 5 consecutive days OR
- Your child has been quarantined for 5 consecutive days or more due to COVID-19

### How much will my child receive?

This amount will vary. A majority of Southern students will receive something, but not all since many kids have been in school 5 days a week. Southern Local does not make or distribute the cards. You may get a card one month but not the next. Do not call the school.

### When will we receive our benefits?

Benefits will be distributed on a monthly basis from February 2021 through August 2021.

### How can we use the benefits?

P-EBT benefits can be used to buy food items at grocery stores and other retailers that accept the Ohio Direction Card (also referred to as an EBT card).

### How will we receive the benefits?

If the child is a current SNAP recipient:

- » The P-EBT benefits may be added to the account on which the child is active.
- » If the child was unable to be matched to an active SNAP account, you will be sent an P-EBT card in the child's name.

If the child is not a current SNAP recipient:

- » By mid-February, you should receive a preloaded P-EBT card in the mail.
- » The card will be in the child's name, not the parent or guardian's name.
- » Instructions on how to activate the card will be included.

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**Families that receive a new P-EBT card MUST keep the card in order to continue to receive their monthly benefit. The benefit will be issued on the card monthly.** Once you get a P-EBT card keep it for the next month.