

P-EBT School Year 22-23 Eligibility

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) benefits have been extended for the 2022-23 school year until the Covid-19 public health emergency ends on May 11, 2023. Summer P-EBT benefits will also be available for Summer 2023. This means that your family could qualify to receive money to help cover food costs for absences related to Covid-19 during the school year and over the Summer.

A child is eligible for P-EBT this school year until May 11th if:

- Their school participates in the National School Lunch Program
- The student is eligible for free or reduced-price meals, and
- Your school meets the 5 consecutive days COVID absences threshold, and
- You keep your student home from school because of COVID (tests positive or is exposed and in quarantine)
- Students must have qualified for free or reduced-price meals at the time of absence
- Their school closes or shifts to remote learning for at least five consecutive days because of COVID (Note: This has not happened in 2022-23)

A child is eligible for P-EBT Summer of 2023 if:

- Their school participated in the National School Lunch Program during School Year 2022-23
- The student qualified for free or reduced-priced meals during the 2022-23 school year.

Families do not need to apply for the school year or summer P-EBT benefits. MAPS will report the appropriate information to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for students who qualify.

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How do I know if my student is approved?

Students that have completed their meal application and are eligible for free or reduced-price meals will have their information forwarded automatically and the Minnesota Department of Human Services will text or email families when P-EBT benefits are approved. Make sure your student's school has your correct contact information.

When will I receive the funds?

In late July/August, benefits will go to families whose children had additional absences due to Covid illness through May 11th and children who qualified for summer benefits.

How much will I receive?

Qualifying families will receive \$8.18 for each child for each missed day related to Covid 19 absence during the school year. Summer benefits will be \$120 in total.

Do I need to apply to get the funds?

No. Families do not need to apply for P-EBT benefits, schools will be reporting qualification data to the state on their behalf.

How are benefits issued?

DHS will issue the benefits on children's P-EBT cards. Families who didn't previously have a P-EBT card will get a new one. To replace an existing card for \$2, call EBT Edge at 888-997-2227.

How can I check if my student qualifies for free or reduced-priced meals?

You can check to make sure that your student has qualified for free or reduced-priced meals through the nutrition services department. If so, make sure you are receiving P-EBT texts or emails, and that Central Registration has their correct contact information. To qualify for the P-EBT benefit, students must have qualified for free or reduced meals with their enrolled school before the Covid-related absence.

If you have not yet applied for educational benefits for this school year to qualify your student for free or reduced-price meals, you can apply online on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal or submit a paper application to your school that can be found here. Please note that an application for your student must be submitted to Mankato Area Public Schools Nutrition Services.

Other Questions

- To replace a lost card or update your address call EBT Edge at 888-997-2227 or visit <https://www.ebtedge.com/>
- General questions: P-EBT Call Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For assistance in multiple languages, complete the P-EBT Help Form or call 651-431-4608 or 833-454-0153, or visit the P-EBT Frequently Asked Questions webpage for more information.
- For questions about particular dates or the number of days your student qualified for, email your specific question, including the student's name and the school they attend, to nutritionservice@isd77.org or leave a voicemail at 507-388-7442.
- Questions about your student's free or reduced-price meal eligibility: nutritionservice@isd77.org or 507-388-7442.