

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) Program

Paterson Public Schools

WHAT IS P-EBT?

P-EBT is a state program designed to help families purchase food for children who normally would receive free meals in school. The value of this benefit is equal to the value of a school breakfast and lunch, which equates to \$5.70 per day for each enrolled child within the household starting from the time when schools closed due to the pandemic. The FULL benefit amount is \$416.10, which covers a total of 73 days.

The N.J. Department of Human Services' Division of Family Development is the lead agency, and it has been working with school districts to identify eligible children and issue the P-EBT benefits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Paterson Public Schools students who were approved to receive free meals through Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and who were enrolled as of March 18, 2020 are eligible to receive the P-EBT benefit.

If your child was not enrolled as of March 18, 2020, or if your address has changed since then, parents/guardians should call 1-800-997-3333 or go to <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/pebt.shtml>.

WHO WILL ISSUE P-EBT BENEFITS?

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Family Development (DHS-DFD) is the agency authorized to administer economic assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in the state of New Jersey. The N.J. Department of Agriculture (NJDA) is the State Agency authorized to administer the School Meals Program. While DHS-DFD is the lead agency for implementing the P-EBT benefits, both state agencies are working together to address frequently asked questions from families and school districts.

For more information, please call 1-800-997-3333 or go to <https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/njsnap/pebt.shtml>

HOW DO I GET MY P-EBT BENEFITS?

No application is needed to receive this benefit. If your household already receives SNAP or TANF benefits, your P-EBT benefit will be added automatically to your family's EBT card. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF benefits, then a P-EBT card will be mailed to your house. If you have changed address since March 18, 2020 then you must call the number mentioned above.