



Important Information about Your Child's School Meals

If you have a child in your household who is in kindergarten through 12th grade, is eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school, and has had at least 5 consecutive days of remote/virtual learning since the school year started, that child is eligible for benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program.

What are the benefits the child will receive?

The amount of benefits is \$5.86 per child for each day of remote/virtual learning lasting at least 5 consecutive days in August and September 2020.

Is my child eligible if he/she attends a school operating a hybrid model of remote/virtual learning and in-person learning?

Your child is eligible as long as he or she is eligible for the free and reduced-price meal program, and the remote/virtual learning lasts for at least 5 consecutive days. For example,

- » Eligible – one week (5 consecutive days) of remote/virtual learning followed by one week of in-person learning.
- » Eligible – M, T, Th, F all virtual/remote learning and no school on Wednesday. No school at all (except for holidays) counts in the 5 consecutive day count.
- » Ineligible – M, W, F in-person learning, T, Th remote/virtual learning.
- » Ineligible – School has an AA BB schedule, Cohort A is in-person M, T and Cohort B is in-person Th, F.

How can I use these benefits?

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

If the child is a current SNAP recipient:

- » By the end of September, 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 his or her 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-October 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.

Any questions about your child's eligibility or you have not received the benefit, please contact your child's school district.

If you have any questions about the program or cards, please contact 1-866-244-0071.