

## Student P-EBT Eligibility Flowchart

Student Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) is a food assistance program that helps students who would normally receive National School Lunch Program **free or reduced-price meals** at school but cannot get them when they are not physically present because of COVID-19. Due to federal rules and students returning to in-person school and receiving meals at school, most students will not get P-EBT or will get fewer benefits. This year, eligibility is based on **individual student attendance records**, not school circumstances.

**Follow the chart below to see if your student is eligible** for P-EBT benefits for any given month between September 2021 and May 2022.

**Important:** Your student must meet these requirements **each month** to be eligible for benefits.

Does your student attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)?  
**Virtual academies are not eligible to participate.**

**Click on this link** to see if their school is on this list for the 21-22 school year.

School is on list

School is not on list

Your student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT because they do not attend a participating school.

Is your student approved for free or reduced-price (FRP) meals through the NSLP for this school year?

Unsure

Your student's School Nutrition Office can inform you whether or not your child is approved for FRP meals.

Yes

No

Your student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT because they are not approved for FRP meals.

You can apply through your child's school for FRP meals.

Was your student quarantined or in temporary virtual instruction?\*

Unsure

First read the definitions below.  
If still unsure, contact your child's school to discuss their attendance record.

Yes

No

Your student is **eligible** for Student P-EBT and will get benefits for the days when they were not physically in school based on COVID-19 related absences in their attendance record.

Your student is **not eligible** for Student P-EBT because they were present in school full time based on their attendance record.

### \*COVID-19 Absence Definitions

**QUARANTINE** (attendance code **1D**): school tells the student to stay home because of COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure **and/or** parent/guardian informs the school about a student's COVID-19 related symptoms, illness, or exposure and school approves the absence.

**TEMPORARY VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION** (attendance code **1R** for present off-site): student is enrolled in a physical school but is in virtual or remote learning for a temporary period of time because of a COVID-19 incident or reason.

*Virtual academies and fully virtual schools are not included.*