

State of Nevada School Year (SY) 2021-2022

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Program

What is P-EBT?

The Pandemic EBT Program (P-EBT) is a one-time federal COVID related program that allows school children who are enrolled and eligible for free or reduced-priced meals through the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to receive a food benefit on an electronic benefit card for the days they did not receive a meal service at their school because of a COVID related absence or COVID related school closure.

Also, childcare aged children (ages 0-6) who are not enrolled in school and received SNAP benefits in Nevada in the months of September 2021 through June 2022, are eligible to receive P-EBT. Note: These children are only eligible for P-EBT for the months in which they received SNAP from September 2021 through June 2022.

Please note: USDA waivers were in place during SY 2021-2022 allowing all students to receive free meals. Children enrolled in school are only qualified to receive P-EBT if they were determined free or reduced eligible via a meal application or direct certification (if your child was on an DWSS, SNAP, TANF or Medicaid program in the SY 2021-2022) or if the child's school was designated as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) School for SY 2021-2022.

How Do I Apply For P-EBT?

There is no application. If eligible, the NSLP and SNAP childcare aged children will automatically receive P-EBT. For children currently on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program, the benefit will be placed on their household's existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card. For P-EBT only children, the benefit will be placed on a P-EBT card issued in the child's name and sent to the address on file for the primary parent/guardian in SY 2021-2022 in accordance with the child's school's registration system. For example: Infinite Campus.

How much will my child receive?

- **School Year P-EBT benefit:**
 - For children enrolled in school** – If the child's school meets the criteria of operating at reduced capacity for 5 consecutive days, or 4 consecutive days if the school operates on a 4 day per week calendar. Children enrolled in the NSLP, will receive a benefit of \$7.10 for each day the child had a qualifying absence due to COVID. **Note:** The qualifying absences must occur after the date the child's school met the criteria of operating at reduced capacity.
 - For childcare aged children** – Children ages 0-6 who are not enrolled in school will receive a standard statewide benefit for each month they received SNAP in the months of September 2021 through June 2022.
- **Summer P-EBT benefit:**
 - For children enrolled in school** - All children enrolled in the NSLP in the 2021-2022 SY will receive a standard one-time benefit of \$391. This benefit will be issued in the month of October 2022.
 - For childcare aged children:** If the child received a SNAP benefit in the last month of the school year, May 2022 (for Northern Nevada) or June 2022 (for Southern Nevada), and at least one month in the covered summer period (June 2022, July 2022, and August 2022), they will receive a standard one-time benefit of \$391. This benefit will be issued in October 2022.

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When and How Will I Receive My Child's Benefits

Who:



*Children enrolled in school and childcare aged children that receive **SNAP Benefits**

*Children enrolled in school that receive **TANF Benefits**

All other eligible children

How:

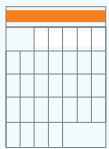


On your household's EBT card.

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**On a new EBT card (issued under the child's name). The card will be mailed to the primary parent's/guardian's address on file in accordance with the child's school's registration system.

When:



In order to not burden retailers and to meet the USDA's requirements, P-EBT benefits will be issued in three separate issuances. Each issuance will be staggered across ten days. Which means, not all children will receive their P-EBT benefits at the same time.

The first set of P-EBT benefits for the school months of August 2021 – November 2021 will go out September 14th - 23rd.

The second set of P-EBT benefits for the school months of December 2021 – February 2022 and Summer P-EBT will go out October 14th - 23rd.

The third set of P-EBT benefits for the months of March 2022 – June 2022 will go out November 14th -23rd.

*P-EBT benefits for children enrolled in school will only be deposited on a SNAP or a TANF EBT card if the primary guardian on file in the child's school's registration system in SY 2021-2022 is also on the SNAP or TANF case.

**Please allow three weeks from the P-EBT benefit issuance date to receive your child's SY 2021-2022 P-EBT card.

These benefits expire 274 days after the cards have been issued. If you are receiving a P-EBT card in the mail, please be sure to read the informational flyer attached to the card, follow the instructions on how to PIN the card, and make a purchase on the card as soon as possible to avoid benefit removal due to card inactivity.

In mid-September 2022, you can view your child's P-EBT eligibility and benefit issuance information for SY 2021-2022 @ <https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov/public/pebt-benefits/start>.

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Other Things You Need to Know

- Your immigration status does not matter. Using P-EBT does not affect your or your child's immigration status. The Public Charge Rule does not apply to P-EBT.
- P-EBT is **not** a Welfare benefit. P-EBT is a benefit that was established by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (enacted 03/06/2020) and extended by the American Rescue Plan Act (enacted 03/11/2021).
- Children in Community Eligibility Provision Schools are automatically eligible for the NSLP and, therefore, are eligible for P-EBT.
- Your child can use other nutrition programs such as summer meals, SNAP, and WIC while using P-EBT. Your child can also continue to get school meals from their enrolled school.
- You cannot give your card to another person or household to use.
- Per the rules and regulations governed by the P-EBT program, P-EBT staff will only communicate and issue P-EBT benefits to the primary guardian on file in the child's school's registration system in the 2021-2022 SY.
- P-EBT benefits are administered by the P-EBT unit located in Carson City. DWSS District office staff cannot assist with any questions related to P-EBT.

Where can P-EBT benefits be used?

- P-EBT benefits can be used to purchase food at any SNAP retailer. Most retailers have signs stating they accept SNAP or EBT. Authorized SNAP retailers are listed at Retailer Locator.
- Families can also visit EBT Edge or download the EBT Edge Mobile app from the Apple or the Google Play store to find retailers that accept EBT cards.
- P-EBT benefits can also be used to make online food purchases at places such as Walmart and Amazon.

What can families purchase with P-EBT benefits?

- Breads and cereals.
- Fruits and vegetables.
- Meats, fish, and poultry.
- Seeds and plants that produce food.

What are families NOT able to purchase with P-EBT benefits?

- Beer, wine, or liquor.
- Cigarettes or tobacco.
- Vitamins and medicine.
- Prepared foods.
- Non-food items, such as: soaps, paper products, and household supplies.

Questions?

Visit the DWSS P-EBT website @ <https://dwss.nv.gov/SNAP/PandemicEBTinfo/>.

Or

Contact the P-EBT Call Center in Northern Nevada 775-684-8740 or in Southern Nevada 702-486-9640. Operating hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (excluding state and federal holidays).