



## **Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Frequently Asked Questions 2020-2021 School Year**

### **What is P-EBT?**

Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) is a supplemental monetary benefit for SNAP and non-SNAP households with children who were receiving free or reduced-price school meals. This benefit is to assist those families who temporarily lost access to school meals due to remote learning.

### **Who is eligible for P-EBT?**

In order to be eligible to receive P-EBT benefits, the student must meet the criteria below:

- Enrolled in a brick-and-mortar school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP);

**AND**

- Participated in Distance Learning (MSOL – My School Online) either by choice or due to quarantine requirements.

**AND**

- Eligible for free or reduced-price school meals either by completing a household application in the current school year or being Directly Certified by the school District.

### **How do I receive my P-EBT benefit?**

Benefits will be issued automatically by the Department of Children and Families. P-EBT benefits for the 2020-21 school year will be distributed in three separate batches. The first will begin at the start of May and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. The second and third will follow.

- Households already receiving SNAP benefits will have the benefit added to their current EBT card.
- Households who are not currently receiving SNAP benefits will have a card mailed to them at the primary address listed in the student's file.

### **How much will my benefit be?**

Benefit amounts are calculated based on the child's eligibility and the number of days the student was listed as attending school virtually during each period. Days in which the student was marked absent, either excused or unexcused, will not be counted. The benefit amount will equal the number of days the student was eligible and attended school virtually times \$6.82 per day.



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## **I did not receive my benefits, what do I do?**

Distributing benefits is a huge undertaking for DCF. Please wait until mid to late June for the first batch to be mailed before contacting DCF. After this time, DCF will be setting up a parent portal for parents to review information and submit disputes if they did not receive benefits.

## **I received benefits, but not for all of my children. What do I do?**

Please wait until the first distribution period is complete. In late June, you will be able to access the web portal through DCF's website to submit a request for the student's eligibility to be reviewed.

## **I do not know if my student was eligible for free or reduced-price meals this year.**

If you would like to check the status of your student, please email [FNS\\_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:FNS_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call 813-794-2522.

## **My child was home schooled are they eligible?**

No. Only students who were enrolled in a brick-and-mortar school, where they would have had access to free or reduced price meals if they had attended in person instead of virtually.

## **My child attended Florida Virtual or Pasco eSchool are they eligible?**

No.. Only students who were enrolled in a brick-and-mortar school, where they would have had access to free or reduced price meals if they had attended in person instead of virtually.

## **I don't know what address is on file for my student.**

If you would like to confirm information about your student, please email [FNS\\_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:FNS_Finance@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call 813-794-2522.

## **I don't know how often my child was absent this year.**

Please log on to your parent account in MyStudent to view your student's attendance record. You can access MyStudent from the Pasco County Schools Homepage [www.pascoschools.org](http://www.pascoschools.org). Click on Parents at the very top ribbon, then Check Grades/Attendance in the green box on the left side of the screen.

For the most up to date information on the 2020-2021 P-EBT program, visit:

<https://myflfamilies.com/pebt>

If you have a specific question that was not answered above, you can reach DCF at 833.311.0321.