

## **Kentucky Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer - SY 22-23 Student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What is Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)?**

P-EBT provides a reimbursement families can use to replace meals they missed as a result of missing school (In-Person, Virtual, or Homeschool) activities for COVID-19 related reasons.

### **What months does the SY 22-23 Student P-EBT cover?**

The SY 22-23 Student P-EBT reimbursement covers all months between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

The P-EBT reimbursement for the 2022-23 School Year is available to the following populations who missed school due to a COVID-19 related reason:

- **In-Person Students enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school** who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the USDA National School Lunch Program between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and May 11, 2023.
- **Virtual Students enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school** who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals under the USDA National School Lunch Program between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and May 11, 2023.
- **Virtual Students not enrolled in a CEP school** whose households are below the monthly gross income limit for their household size.
- **Homeschool Students** whose households are below the monthly gross income limit for their household size.

### **It is important to note that only virtual and homeschool children who meet the following guidelines are eligible for the P-EBT reimbursement:**

- Student enrolled in virtual or homeschool school type after January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, AND
- Student became enrolled in virtual or homeschool school type only for COVID-19 related reasons.

### **How do I apply for P-EBT?**

Households with eligible students can apply for P-EBT online at <https://kypebt.ky.gov>. **Parent of eligible In-Person students can begin**

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**applying on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Parents of eligible Homeschool and Virtual students can begin applying on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

### **How many applications must I submit for my child?**

An application must be submitted for each of the following situations:

- If a child moves households between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022-May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a separate application must be entered for each household to apply for the months in which the child had a COVID-19 related absence in each household. Duplicate reimbursements will not be provided for the same month(s).
- If the student changed school type (In-Person to Virtual, Virtual to Homeschool, etc.), an application must be submitted for each school type.
  - For the months the child was attending school In-Person, an application may be submitted starting on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For the months the child was attending school virtually or being homeschooled, an application may be submitted starting on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
- If the student changed school districts, a separate application must be submitted for each school district the child attended.

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### **Do I need to provide proof of income to apply for P-EBT?**

Virtual students not enrolled in a CEP school and Homeschooled Students must provide income verification to confirm they are under the P-EBT monthly income limit. Income verifications must be provided within the application, so please be sure to have those income verification ready at the time of application. The following are the income verification guidelines for each income type:

If you or someone in your household receive income from:	You should provide a copy of:
Wages, Salaries and Tips	Most recent 2 pay stub(s) AND Tip Log (if applicable)
Pensions, Social Security (SSA, SSDI, RSDI), Disability Payments, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Benefits, VA Benefits	Award letter(s) OR Most recent check stubs OR Most recent bank statement (to show direct deposit)
Child and/or Spousal Support, Foster Care Payments	Court documents OR Personal records OR Most recent bank statement (to show direct deposit)
Farm Income	First page of IRS Form 1040 OR IRS 1040 AND Schedule 1
Rental and/or Royalty Income	First page of IRS Form 1040 AND Schedule 1 OR Rental Agreement OR Trust Statement
Profit from Self-Employment, Commissions	IRS 1040 + Schedule 1 AND all Schedule C(s) OR Most recent 3-month profit and loss statement
Cash Income (when you have not filed federal or state taxes)	Personal records OR Signed letter detailing type of work, estimated monthly amount of cash payment and employer name and phone number (if applicable)

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### What is the income limit for households who need to provide income verifications?

This chart outlines the gross monthly income limits for **Non-CEP Virtual** and **Homeschooled** Students:

Income Eligibility Guidelines	
HH Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	2,096
2	2,823
3	3,551
4	4,279
5	5,006
6	5,734
7	6,462
8	7,189
Each additional member	728

### How much is the provided P-EBT reimbursement?

- For **In-Person Students**, the issuance is equivalent to the number of eligible days multiplied by \$8.18 for September 2022 through May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- For **Virtual Students**, the issuance is a flat rate of \$163.60 per month for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. For virtual students eligible between May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, it is a prorated \$73.62.
- For **Homeschool Students**, the issuance is a flat rate of \$163.60 per month for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - April 2023. For Homeschool students eligible between May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, it is a prorated \$73.62.

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### **How will my child receive their P-EBT reimbursement?**

- If an eligible student received at least one day of SNAP between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the P-EBT reimbursement is issued to the EBT card the child received SNAP benefits on. The P-EBT reimbursement is issued to the SNAP EBT card even if the SNAP case is no longer Active.
  
- If the eligible student did not receive SNAP between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a check is made to see if the child has received P-EBT in the past.
  - If the child has received P-EBT in the past, the P-EBT reimbursement is issued on the same P-EBT card in which the child previously received P-EBT.
  - If the child has not received P-EBT in the past, a P-EBT card will be issued to the child with their P-EBT issuance amount pre-loaded on the card.

### **When will I receive my P-EBT Reimbursement?**

All students that are approved for P-EBT will receive their reimbursement by no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### **How can I get help with P-EBT?**

Call toll free at 833-501-5297 to get assistance with all things P-EBT.

### **What if I lost my P-EBT or EBT card and need a replacement?**

If you need a replacement P-EBT card, call **833-501-5297** and request a new card.

To receive a replacement SNAP EBT card, follow the below instructions:

- If the child's address has changed since receiving the last SNAP EBT card, call **855-306-8959** to request a new card.
- If the child's address has not changed, call **888-979-9949** to request a new card.

### **What information is needed to activate my P-EBT card?**

When a new P-EBT card is received, individuals must follow all instructions on the **P-EBT Card Registration One Pager** to activate the card for use. You must enter the date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) of the person whose name is on the card and zip code where the card was mailed. The birth date must be entered in the following format: MMDDYYYY.

### **How long do I have to spend my P-EBT reimbursement?**

Your P-EBT reimbursement will remain active on your card as long as you use some of them at least once every 9 months.

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### **What can I buy with the P-EBT?**

Any food for the household, such as:

- Fruits and vegetables
- Meat, poultry, fish
- Dairy products
- Breads and cereals
- Snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages
- Seeds and plants which produce food for the child to eat

Households **may not** use the P-EBT reimbursement to buy:

- Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco
- Vitamins, medicines, supplements  
Items with a supplement facts label are considered supplements and not eligible for P-EBT purchase.
- Live animals (except shellfish, fish removed from water and animals slaughtered prior to pick-up from the store).
- Prepared foods fit for immediate consumption
- Hot foods
- Nonfood items such as:
  - Pet foods
  - Cleaning supplies, paper products and other household supplies.
  - Hygiene items, cosmetics

### **Do I have to purchase items only in Kentucky?**

No, you may use your P-EBT card anywhere EBT is accepted.

### **Can I purchase items online?**

Yes, you may use your P-EBT card to make online purchases at participating retailers. Please refer to retailer websites for more information.

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### **Is P-EBT a public assistance program?**

No. P-EBT helps reimburse families facing unexpected new expenses of meals at home for a student who normally would have received free/reduced-price meals at school through the NSLP, or would have received meals at their child care facility.

### **Is P-EBT the same as SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps)?**

No. P-EBT is separate from SNAP.

### **If I receive P-EBT will it affect my eligibility for other public assistance programs?**

No. P-EBT is an additional service and will not affect your eligibility for other public assistance programs. We encourage families to continue using school and community meal sites for free, nutritious meals for children. Families can go online to [Meals for Kids interactive map](#) for local sites where kids can get free meals.

### **Will P-EBT hurt my ability to change my immigration status or become a US citizen?**

No. Receipt of P-EBT is not considered for any immigration determination.