

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) is a federal program designed to provide food support to families with children who were receiving free and reduced-price school meals and missed school for COVID-related absences. It can help families pay for food when students are absent from school due to a COVID-19 related isolation/quarantine. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS), received approval to operate this program in response to the COVID-19 related school closures for school year 2021-22.

P-EBT Instructions for Parents

1. Consider whether your student(s) qualifies for P-EBT benefits:
 - a. Does my student free/reduced eligibility status?
 - i. I was approved for free or reduced meal benefits based on approval of a free/reduced meal application **OR**
 - ii. My child qualifies through direct certification (SNAP eligible) **OR**
 - iii. My school qualifies for special status through CEP or Provision 2
 - AND**
 - b. Was my student absent due to a COVID-19 isolation or quarantine?
2. If the answer is yes to **BOTH** of the questions (a and b) above, your student qualifies and you should contact your child's school for an application.
(Paper Applications and instructions for Online Application can be found here [https://www.piggottschools.net/documents/information-for-parents/pandemic-ebt-\(p-ebt\)/140497](https://www.piggottschools.net/documents/information-for-parents/pandemic-ebt-(p-ebt)/140497))
3. Return/submit the completed application (either via google form or paper application) to your child's school by July 29, 2022.
4. Await processing and receipt of P-EBT card (could be a several weeks)