

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) Cards:

Help with Money for Food

What are 'P-EBT' or Pandemic EBT benefits?

P-EBT benefits help families in California buy food when school is closed. Due to coronavirus (COVID 19), children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals at school will get extra food benefits. These food benefits are called Pandemic EBT or P-EBT benefits.

What can I buy with P-EBT benefits?

Your P-EBT benefits can buy food in most grocery stores and farmers' markets, or to purchase groceries online at Amazon and WalMart. Use your P-EBT card like a debit card:

- Select "EBT"
- Swipe the card
- Enter your private PIN number

Who is eligible for P-EBT benefits?

Children are eligible for P-EBT benefits if they are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals. As circumstances may have changed due to the pandemic, you may now be eligible. Please contact Lisa Ceragioli at lceragioli@scsdk8.org to apply. Click on the links below for an application.

- [Free and Reduced Price Meal Application](#) (English)
- [Solicitud para Comidas Gratis y Precio Reducido](#) (Spanish)

How do I get P-EBT benefits?

Apply online at ca.p-ebt.org before June 30, 2020. Most families with children who receive CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster Care benefits do not need to apply online. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail between May 7- 22, 2020. Families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals and who do NOT get CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster Care benefits must apply online before June 30, 2020.

How much in P-EBT benefits will I get?

You can get up to \$365 for each child who is eligible for P-EBT benefits. The total amount you will get depends on how many eligible children are living in your home. Most families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals will get \$365 for each child. If you do not get your P-EBT card in the mail and you apply before June 30th , 2020, you will get the full amount of benefits. Families with children who applied and got CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster Care benefits after their school closed, may get less than \$365 for each child. This depends on when you applied for CalFresh, Medi-Cal or Foster Care.