

# Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) FAQ

## WHAT IS PANDEMIC ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER (P-EBT)?

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) is a temporary food benefit available to Minnesota families with children who would have received free or reduced-price meals (FRPM) if schools were open.

## HOW MANY MINNESOTA CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE?

According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, about 350,000 students are eligible to receive these benefits.

## WHICH MINNESOTA FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR P-EBT?

In Minnesota, families will automatically receive \$325 per child if:

- They have a child between the ages of 5-18 years old,
- The family was receiving SNAP or MFIP benefits,
- They have a child who qualifies for FRPM, or
- They have a child who is enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school, meaning the school offers free school meals to all students.

## HOW MUCH MONEY WILL A FAMILY RECEIVE IN P-EBT?

Eligible families will receive a one-time payment of \$325 for each child who is between the ages of 5 and 18 as of September 1, 2019.

## HOW DOES A FAMILY RECEIVE THEIR P-EBT?

If a family is already receiving SNAP or MFIP, then the money should have already been deposited on May 30. You can check your balance [here](#). According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, there are 130,000 children's families who were already receiving SNAP or MFIP.

## WHAT IF A MN STUDENT QUALIFIED FOR FRPM, BUT THEIR FAMILY ISN'T ON SNAP OR MFIP?

The 220,000 students' whose families qualify for P-EBT but aren't on SNAP or MFIP, have to [apply online](#). You can apply online [here](#). The application window is between June 8 and June 30. After a family is approved, they will receive a P-EBT card in the mail within ten days loaded with \$325 per child for groceries.

## WHAT IF A STUDENT ATTENDS A COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP) SCHOOL?

Any student who attends a CEP school—meaning the student population serves 40% or more students who qualify for FRPM—is eligible for P-EBT, regardless of family income level. These families have to [apply online](#) for the funds by June 30. You can apply online [here](#).

Even if a family who attends a CEP school is secure economically right now, they should still [apply online](#), get the \$325, and support their community by buying groceries for a food shelf.

Not sure if your child attends a CEP school? [Check out this handy list!](#)

### **ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE P-EBT SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC CHARGE RULE?**

No. According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, “The public charge does not apply to the P-EBT program. We are working with stakeholders to clarify the impact of the public charge rule.”

**Have more questions?** Check out the Minnesota Department of Human Services’ [website](#).