Food Benefits for All NYC Public School Students
Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)

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What is Pandemic EBT (P-EBT)?
P-EBT is a program for families to buy food while students are learning from home. In NYC, every single public school student will receive $420. Students in charter and parochial schools will receive P-EBT if their school participates in the federal school lunch program.

Can my child get P-EBT?
Every single NYC public school student, ages 3-21, regardless of income or immigration status will receive P-EBT. Benefits will be issued automatically. There is no application or documentation required and it does not affect eligibility for other benefits or public charge status.

When will my child get P-EBT?

Households enrolled in SNAP and/or Public Assistance (PA). Benefits will be added to current EBT cards. First Payment: $193 (for March and April) by early June. Second Payment: $227 (for May and June) by the end of June.

Households enrolled in Medicaid but not SNAP and/or PA. Benefits may be added to a Medicaid Common Benefit Identification Card (CBIC) and a PIN number will be assigned. One payment: $420 (for March-June), around the end of June.

Households not enrolled in SNAP, PA, or Medicaid. A card will be issued and mailed to the household for each student. One payment: $420 (for March-June), beginning in July and August.

Why is the total amount $420?
$5.70 per student per day for 74 days to cover the days that schools will be closed in spring 2020, March 16-June 25.

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Can we still get free grab-and-go at school meal hubs once we have P-EBT? Yes!

How do we use P-EBT?
The EBT card is like a bank debit card. You can use P-EBT to buy food at retail food stores, such as supermarkets and local stores. P-EBT food benefits are available on your EBT card for one year from the date they are issued.

Questions? Visit the NY State FAQs: bit.ly/P-EBT_FAQ Email: otda.sm.eisp.PEBT@otda.ny.gov
Check your P-EBT food benefits balance by visiting www.connectebt.com or by calling 1-888-328-6399

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