

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>May 20, 2021</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2020-2021 Pandemic Eligibility Benefits Transfer (P-EBT)</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>COVID-19 Student Pandemic Benefits</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>1) Share with appropriate staff; 2) collaborate with district and campus personnel to communicate to families</b>

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides food benefits to families with enrolled students (up to 21 years of age) who temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals for the 2020–2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) request that schools attempt to contact eligible families before the application opens on **June 2, 2021**. Thank you for your assistance with the P-EBT program. We appreciate all the work you do to help make sure Texas families have access to food during this time.

**To apply, go to [yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT](https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT) (application link is case-sensitive). The deadline to apply is August 13, 2021.**

### Who is Eligible?

- Students who are certified for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Students who attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 (P2) school that offers free meals to all students.
- Children born after August 1, 2014, in families who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

### Who Needs to Apply?

- A parent/guardian **must apply** if the eligible student is:
  - Enrolled in K-12 and NOT part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and June 2021.
  - Born on or before August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for the first time during the 2020–2021 school year in May or June 2021.
- A parent/guardian **does not have to apply** if eligible student or child is:
  - Born on or before August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between August 2020 and April 2021.
  - Born after August 1, 2014, and is part of a family who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

Please use the following resources before **the application closes on August 13, 2021** to inform eligible families. (Access them at TEA's COVID-19 Support: Child Nutrition webpage at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/covid/covid-19-support-child-nutrition>.)

- Letter to families with application link (English and Spanish)
- Flyer (English and Spanish)
- Social media posts (English and Spanish)
- Robocall/Robotext script (English and Spanish)

For more information, visit [hhs.texas.gov/pebt](https://hhs.texas.gov/pebt) (English) or [hhs.texas.gov/es/pebt](https://hhs.texas.gov/es/pebt) (Spanish), or call the P-EBT Call Center at 833-442-1255, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Central time.