



P-EBT Issuance for SY 20-21

Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT), authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, provides families of eligible children additional funds to purchase food during the 2020-2021 school year. P-EBT is a complement to the meals and snacks currently being provided to children through the Child Nutrition Programs. P-EBT is administered through the Department of Economic Security (DES) in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education.

Eligible children must attend a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and meet both the student-level criteria and school-level criteria in a calendar month in order to receive either full or partial P-EBT. Full or partial P-EBT qualifications are reassessed on a monthly basis. A partial or full P-EBT payment depends on the school learning models offered within a calendar month.

Student-Level Eligibility

A child meets the income eligibility for P-EBT benefits if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Eligible for free or reduced-priced meal benefits
- Attends a school that participates in the NSLP Special Provision Option for either breakfast or lunch: Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2 or Provision 3.

Sanders Unified School District No. 18 is operating under the Community Eligibility Provision

School-Level Learning Models

A child who attended a school that reported offered/required off-campus learning during a calendar month.

Sanders Unified School District No. 18 is under the Online Distance Learning Module

Incorrect or Missing Records

Households are instructed to first contact DES for their inquiries to identify why a payment was not issued for one or multiple months. DES will be able to determine if data is missing or not current, or if the child is not eligible for P-EBT due to school learning models or student's free/reduced status.

The following sets of information will prevent a household of an eligible child to be issued P-EBT:

- Incorrect primary guardian listed

- Incorrect address listed
- Missing student free/reduced eligibility
- Missing school-level learning models
- Missing student enrollment record

Sanders Unified School District No. 18 submitted data that was provided in the Free & Reduced Lunch application (Part of Enrollment Packet) & Parent/Guardian Contact Information.

Misunderstanding of Eligibility

Arizona has been approved to provide P-EBT on a monthly payment schedule to provide eligible children that meet both the student-level criteria and school-level criteria in a calendar month in order to receive either full or partial P-EBT. Full or partial P-EBT qualifications are reassessed on a monthly basis. Each monthly payment is based on the state's average number of school days each month.

- Regardless if the child has elected a full-time distance learning model, the full or partial P-EBT benefit will be based on the available learning models the school is offering.
- Monthly payments are not customized for the number of school days each month the student did not have access to school meals/specific number of days the school was closed. Each calendar month, all eligible recipients will receive either the full payment or partial payment.

Household Inquiries

1-844-841-3802

<https://des.az.gov/p-ebt>

P-EBT Card

General Questions: 1-844-841-3802

Activating your pin: 1-888-997-9333

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