

Pennsylvania - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) – Summer 2023 Family Guide

Congress created Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) as a temporary response to help families cover the cost of breakfasts and lunches their children would have been eligible to receive for free or at reduced price through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).

To be eligible for a 2023 Summer P-EBT benefit a student must:

- 1. As of May 2023, be attending a school that participates in the NSLP.
- 2. Be determined as eligible for free or reduced-price school meals for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students are not eligible to receive a 2023 Summer P-EBT benefit if, for the 2022-2023 school year, they were homeschooled, attended a school that did not participate in NSLP, or attended a cyber school or a district's virtual academy that existed prior to the pandemic.

The 2023 P-EBT benefit is a fixed amount of \$120 per eligible student. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) will issue the benefits starting in late July and going into mid-August 2023.

Family Resources – Quick Reference

Check if a child was determined eligible to receive P-EBT:

P-EBT Parent Portal: https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/Public/pebtsearch

For specific instructions for accessing the portal on a mobile device and searching for the child's name go to this link:

https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Documents/PEBT Parent-Portal-Guide.pdf

Activate the child's P-EBT card or change the pin – call the number on the back of the card.

Request replacement card for the 2021-2022 school year or summer 2022 or 2023:

P-EBT Parent Portal: https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/Public/pebtsearch

Submit a P-EBT inquiry: **NEW**

P-EBT Inquiry Portal: https://www.pennebt.com/en/, or call the family hotline: 877-343-0179

Check a P-EBT balance and transaction history:

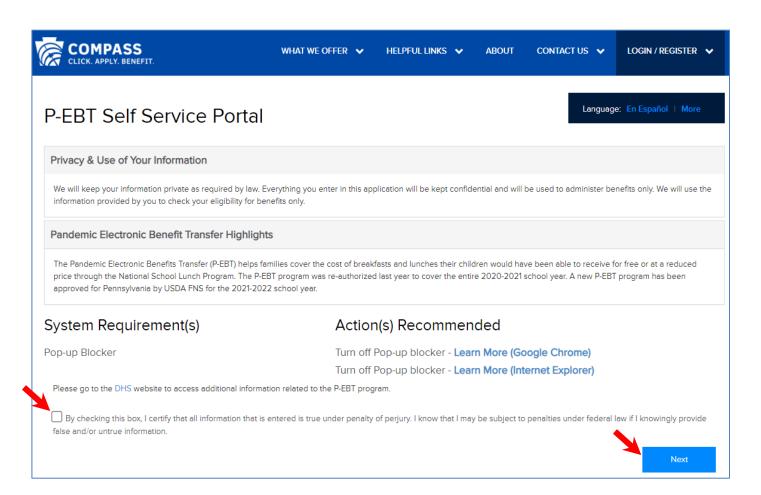
https://www.connectebt.com/ or the ConnectEBT mobile app.

The DHS P-EBT website is a one-stop overview for many of these resources and provides further details, including Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/P-EBT-Guide.aspx

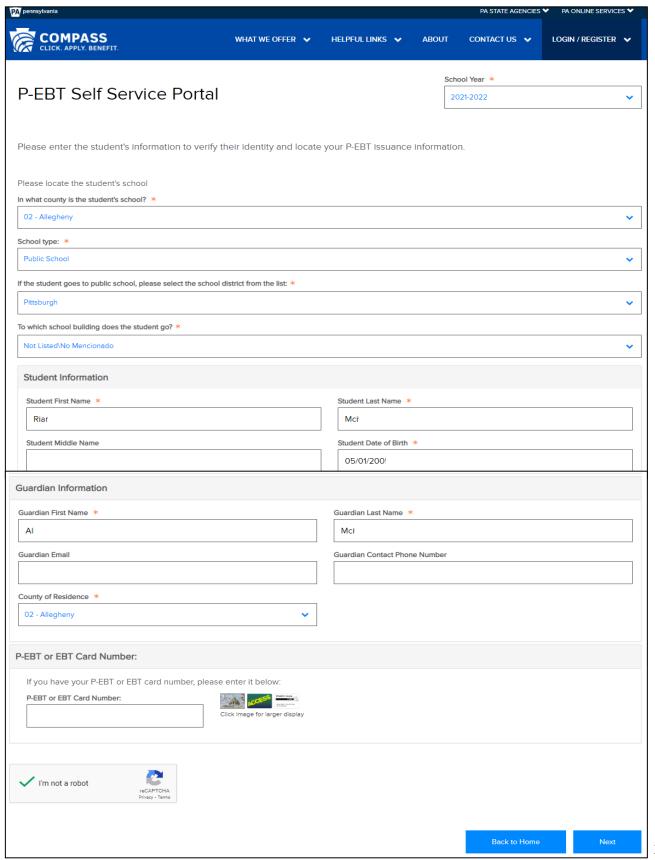
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P-EBT Parent Portal Instructions

- 1. Go to: https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/Public/pebtsearch
- 2. On the first screen, check the acknowledgement box at the bottom of the screen then click "Next"



3. On the second screen, information must be entered about the school year, school, student and parent. Important: the information entered on this screen must exactly match the information the school submitted to DHS for the student. When the screen is complete, click 'Next'.



4. If a match to the student information entered is found in the DHS system and the student is eligible for a P-EBT benefit it will display a screen which details how the benefit was calculated. The parent can request a replacement card from this screen.

Request a Replacement P-EBT Card My P-EBT Card Welcome to the P-EBT Benefit Dashboard. On this Dashboard, you can review the student's information as recorded and submitted by their school, as well as any benefit information that is currently available. Student Information First Name Middle Name Last Name Jonathan Date of Birth School Name 11/22/ Area Primary Center P-EBT Benefit Information Amount Expected Issuance Date Range Months Covered in Issuance How We Calculated Your Benefit \$7.10 05/09/2022-05/20/2022 Sep, Oct, Nov Number of days out because of COVID-19 * Daily Rate: 1 * \$7.10 = \$7.10 \$35.50 06/13/2022-06/24/2022 Dec, Jan, Feb Number of days out because of COVID-19 * Daily Rate: 5 * \$7.10 = \$35.50 N/A 07/18/2022-07/29/2022 Mar, Apr, May \$391.00 08/15/2022-08/26/2022 Summer Maximum amount as determined by the United States Department of Agriculture Please go to the DHS website to access additional information related to the P-EBT program.

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