

State of Florida Department of Children and Families

Ron DeSantis Governor

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Schools Districts

SUBJECT: Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program

School Year 2021-2022

Florida has been approved to implement a Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program for the 2021-2022 School Year. The P-EBT program is a supplemental benefit for households with students who temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to COVID-related absences. Parents and guardians of students who meet the eligibility criteria should apply for P-EBT benefits for the 2021-2022 School Year. The application for P-EBT benefits can be accessed through the Florida Department of Children and Families website. Once the application has been completed, parents and guardians will need to print or email the application and the school must confirm the student's COVID-related absences. Once the application has been certified through the student's school, the parent or guardian of the student must submit the certified application through the P-EBT application portal, which can be accessed on the Florida Department of Children and Families website. Once received, the Florida Department of Children and Families will review the information and issue the appropriate P-EBT benefits to the parents or guardians.

Additional instructions on the school's responsibility to verify COVID-related absences, can be found in the attached documents. If you have any questions, please contact the P-EBT Call Center 1-833-311-0321.

Attachments: 21-22 SY P-EBT School Instructions

P-EBT Application Information