

Dear Parents,

Below you will find information regarding P-EBT benefits for the 2020-21 school year.

What are P-EBT Benefits?

- Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) provides food assistance to families with students who would have received free or reduced lunch while attending school but are **not** in school due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Families with eligible children will be issued only **one card** with which they may purchase food. You need to **keep this card** for the rest of the school year.
- The Indiana Division of Family Resources (DFR) is issuing the P-EBT Benefits.

How can I receive P-EBT Benefits?

- You can receive benefits if your child is eligible to receive free/reduced lunch status for the 2020-21 school year.
- If you have not filled out a free/reduced lunch application for this school year please do so as soon as possible.
- Make sure that we have a current and approved application on file for your family.
 - Log in to your Skyward Family Access account to:
 - Check your child's current lunch status
 - Verify your contact and mailing information. (If your address needs updating, please provide two forms of proof of residency **by March 1, 2021**, to the main office secretary of the school that your child attends.)
- To receive your benefit, it is very important that MCSC has accurate and up-to-date address information for your children to provide to the Indiana Division of Family Resources.

When are P-EBT Benefits issued?

- Benefits are issued quarterly at the end of the month. *See the estimated issuance dates for the distribution of the P-EBT benefits in the below chart.*
- It is important that you **keep your card** (do not throw it away).

<i>*P-EBT Eligible Months</i>	Estimated Issuance Date
**October - December 2020	February 28, 2021
January - March 2021	April 30, 2021
April - June 2021	July 31, 2021
July - September 2021	September 30, 2021

***P-EBT Eligible Months:** Please note that F/R applications must be approved and on file during this time period to receive P-EBT on/near the estimated issuance date.

****Information for students approved for free/reduced lunch benefits on or before 12/20/2020 was submitted to the State on 1/15/2021 for distribution of P-EBT benefits around 2/28/2021.**

For further information, please refer to the link below:

[**Pandemic EBT flyer - English**](#)

[**Pandemic EBT flyer - Spanish**](#)

[**Pandemic EBT website \(Family & Social Services Administration\)**](#)

If you have further questions, please contact the Food Service Department, 219-650-5300.

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