

School Year 2022-23 Home-school* & Virtual School**

P-EBT Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service approved the continuation of the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program for the 2022-23 school year (SY22-23) through May 11, 2023. The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) will distribute a one-time payment to all home school and virtual school students that are eligible for P-EBT benefits. Parents can submit applications on the P-EBT Parent portal (<https://onedhs.tn.gov/parent>) beginning April 21, 2023. Eligible students will receive benefits via P-EBT cards by July 31, 2023. Please visit www.connectebt.com or call (888) 997-9444 if you have any questions related to P-EBT cards.

What is the P-EBT program for SY22-23 homeschool and virtual school?

P-EBT is a federally funded COVID-19 relief program made possible through the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) and the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#). Using P-EBT cards, the program provides nutritional assistance to National School Lunch Program participants and qualifying families to replace school meals missed due to COVID-19 related events.

The federal government extended the program to homeschool and virtual school students for the 2022-23 school year. This is the last round of P-EBT benefits since the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

Who can receive benefits?

Any home-school or virtual student who receives or is eligible to receive free or reduced-price meals in the 22-23 school year AND unenrolled/transferred/or never enrolled from in-person school due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes students who unenrolled from schools that are currently:

- A [Community Eligibility Provision School](#) or
- A school operating under [Provision 2 or 3](#)
- Non-Community Eligibility Provision School

Students who never enrolled in in-person schools due to the COVID-19 pandemic are also eligible provided the Tennessee Department of Education can verify their home school or virtual school information from their district of origin.

Please refer to the [P-EBT website](#) or [P-EBT Parent Portal](#) if you have any questions. You can also contact the P-EBT assistance line at (833) 419-3210.

**A home school is a school conducted or directed by a parent or parents or a legal guardian or guardians for their own children. Parents conducting a home school under the supervision of the superintendent of a local education agency should submit the [Tennessee Notice of Intent to Home School form](#) before the start of each school year.*

***A virtual school is a public school in which the school uses technology to deliver a significant portion of instruction to its students via the internet in a virtual or remote setting. Virtual schools are created,*

operated, and overseen by a school district. Click the following link to see a list of public virtual school in Tennessee: [Virtual Schools \(tn.gov\)](https://www.tn.gov/virtual-schools)