

Forest Hills School District



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Dear Forest Hills Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that any child who was a Forest Hills School District student in the month of May 2022 should be receiving a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) concerning Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer P-EBT benefits for Summer 2022 P-EBT benefits. If your child previously received a P-EBT card, the Summer 2022 benefits will be loaded onto the cards that you already have; if you have not received a P-EBT card previously, you should receive a new card for each of your qualifying children by the end of November. ****Please see the attached sample letter from the DHS.****

Once you receive your P-EBT cards, please keep them even after you have depleted the funds that have been placed on them as it is very possible that they may be reloaded with additional funding at the end of the 2023 summer.

Frequently asked questions: PLEASE see the Q&A page before reaching out to DHA or the school.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/coronavirus/Pages/P-EBT-Questions.aspx>

1. Ways to contact DHS Call the DHS PEBT support center: 484-363-2137
2. Submit an online request via the DHS webform:
<https://forms.juware.com/forms/eb604f74-e01c-463e-82ea-04c416a5c9c5>
3. Request a replacement via the new PEBT family portal:
<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/Compass.Web/Public/pebtsearch>

Sincerely,

Jesslyn S. Anslinger, Food Service Director

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:**
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
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Important Information About Continuing Extra Benefits in Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Emergency

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency, children who are eligible for free or reduced-priced meals at school will receive extra food benefits to cover the period of the summer of 2022. These food benefits are called Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer or P-EBT benefits. P-EBT benefits help families in Pennsylvania buy food during the summer. The child listed on this letter will receive the Summer P-EBT benefit.

Your child is eligible for this program because the school has informed us that your child was enrolled at the school through the end of the previous school year and your child was eligible for free or reduced-priced meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or became eligible over the summer.

There is no application for P-EBT. You do not need to do anything to get these benefits!

Who is eligible?

A child will get Summer P-EBT benefits if:

1. The school participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP); AND
2. The child was eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the NSLP during the 2021-2022 school year or became eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the NSLP between June 1, 2022 and August 31, 2022; AND,
3. The child was enrolled at the school during the previous school year (at least during May 2022).

Are children in homeschool or cyber charter school eligible for P-EBT?

No. Federal law does not provide P-EBT for children that are home schooled, attend a cyber charter school, or are enrolled in a school that does not participate in the NSLP. See Section 1101 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

When will Summer P-EBT benefits be issued?

Benefits have been issued to regular EBT cards and previously issued P-EBT cards, if the Department of Human Services (DHS) was able to match your child to a previous issuance for either the 2020-2021 or 2021-2022 school year. If we were not able to match your child to a previous issuance, a new P-EBT card will be mailed. Cards are being mailed by October 15. You should receive the card by the end of November at the latest.

How much is the Summer P-EBT benefit?

The benefit amount for Summer P-EBT is \$391 per child. This is to cover the months of June, July, and August 2022.