

Free meals for *all students* this coming school year

The United States Department of Agriculture has [extended pandemic flexibilities](#) providing free school meals to all students at all schools through the 2021-2022 school year.

- **No free/reduced meal application is necessary to receive free breakfast and lunch**
- **All students attending Ptsidio school are automatically eligible to receive free meals**

Summer 2021 P-EBT

P-EBT provides families of eligible children additional funds to purchase food during the summer while school is no longer in session. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 amends the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to [extend the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer \(P-EBT\) program](#) through the summer of 2021. P-EBT is administered by the [Arizona Department of Economic Security \(DES\)](#) in partnership with the [Arizona Department of Education \(ADE\)](#).

Applications for the 21/22 SY Free/Reduced Meal Benefits are available

Although an application is not required for students to receive free meals during the school year 2021-2022, the application will be available to determine student eligibility for P-EBT benefits, district eligibility of federal grants, and student eligibility for various discounted services such as advanced placement testing, internet service provider discounts, etc.

Who Does *Not* Apply

Please read this list carefully, because an unnecessary application can delay or interfere with your benefits.

Students of a household approved for SNAP

do *not* complete a free/reduced meal application.

Students are matched to approved households using the [Department of Economic Security](#) info, and

if students are receiving SNAP, TANF, or are part of the foster-care system, they do not need to apply.

More about the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#)

Who *Should* Apply

Households will be notified directly once the updated application is available on July 15.

- students not enrolled in a CEP school
- students not receiving SNAP, TANF, or Foster Child benefits