



MCKINNEY-VENTO NEWSLETTER



McKinney-Vento Educating Children and Youth

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer P-EBT



On Friday, April 24, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved California’s application to operate a Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program during COVID-19.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) will issue P-EBT benefits to households currently receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and to households with children who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals whose schools were closed for at least five consecutive days during the COVID-19 emergency.

Through the P-EBT program, each eligible child in the household will receive \$5.70 per day for each day of the month in which school was cancelled due to COVID-19. The California Department of Education (CDE) and CDSS estimate that this will provide more than \$1.4 billion to over 3.8 million school children throughout the state to address food insecurity during this emergency.

The CDE and CDSS have identified children from households that are directly certified to receive Free and Reduced-Price school meals. These households will automatically be mailed their P-EBT card in the coming weeks. Beginning in Mid-May, children from households who were not directly certified for free and reduced-price school meals will be able to apply online for P-EBT.

Outreach Toolkits

The CDE and CDSS will provide P-EBT outreach toolkits to school nutrition partners in the coming weeks. The P-EBT outreach toolkit includes sample communications for schools to notify eligible households about the availability of P-EBT. Schools are strongly encouraged to only use these state-provided outreach materials to reduced confusion about this new, time-limited pandemic relief program.



Attached with this email is a one page State P-EBT flyer in English that summarizes the benefits of P-EBT and an Information About P-BET document for families. Spanish language flyers are not yet available. I will send them to you when they are.

Resources

Please see the attached [NEW](#) CDE Resources page. Included is information about:

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act . School district CARES funding can be found by clicking on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act link. When the document opens, click on “Jump to the Education Fund (pg 316)”. All of the available funding listed in yellow can be used for homeless students.
- Serving Summer Meals During School Closures fact sheet (PDF).
- NEW LCAP Executive Order FAQs.
- CALPADS Updates.
- Child Care Services.
- Foster Youth and Families Impacted by COVID.

**Imperial County
Covid-19 Homeless Assistance
Service Available 24/7
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Educational and counseling resources to support students during the COVID-19 outbreak. Levels of resources include Elementary, middle school, high school, alternative schools, And graduate students. Homeless education resources can be found in the Special Populations section.

[School Counseling Resources - K12 Counseling Resources](#)

Please share these resources with school staff, teachers, and counselors.

California Homeless Education Bills in Legislation

Two new Homeless Education bills have been introduced and are under consideration in California Legislature. AB 1937 Homeless Children and Youths and Unaccompanied Youths mandates increased identification and reporting of homeless students. AB 3218 mandates increased identification and comprehensive staff training.

Please read the bill texts so that you are familiar with the possible changes. If passed, I will let you know how these new mandates apply to your work and how we can help you fulfill the new requirements.

[Bill Text - AB-1937 Homeless children and youths and unaccompanied youths: reporting.](#)

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Thank you for all you do for our homeless students!

Please let me know if you need my help with anything. Take care of yourself and stay well.

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