

Rockford Area Schools

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

Information and Data Privacy Notice

(Minnesota Statute §13.04 subdivision 2)

P-EBT Information

Your child may be eligible for P-EBT for the 2020-21 school year. P-EBT is a federal temporary emergency nutrition benefit that is loaded on electronic cards for families to purchase food. P-EBT is jointly implemented by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

To be eligible for P-EBT, children must be approved for free or reduced-price meals in one of the following ways:

- Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Approved through the Application for Educational Benefits for the 2020-21 school year
- Enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school

P-EBT benefit amounts will be calculated based on the school's learning model each month. Benefits will be issued when one of the following situations occur:

- When the school reports distance learning for a majority of the month
- When the school reports hybrid learning for a majority of the month
- When the student elects distance learning for at least eleven days in a month

All students approved for free or reduced-price meals will receive P-EBT benefits retroactive to September for the months they meet the learning model requirement.

Data Privacy

In order to confirm your child's eligibility for P-EBT, Rockford Area Schools (ISD 883) must provide information on you and your child to MDE. In addition, MDE must share some information with DHS in order to distribute P-EBT benefits. This information includes private data about you or your minor child under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

Rockford Area Schools (ISD 883) will provide MDE with the following information:

- Parent/guardian's name, phone number, email address and mailing address
- Dates in which the student elected distance learning during the 2020-21 school year

MDE will provide DHS the following information:

- Student's name and birthdate
- Student's primary home language
- Parent/guardian's name, phone number, email address and mailing address

MDE and DHS will only use your information for determining eligibility, distributing benefits, communicating with you about P-EBT, and managing and evaluating the P-EBT program in Minnesota. Your data will not be used for any other purposes. Only MDE and DHS staff working on the program or others with legal authority to access your data by a state or federal law will have access to your information.

Opting Out

If you do not want Rockford Area Schools (ISD 883) to share your information with MDE and DHS, please notify us by March 2, 2021 by taking the following action: call the district office at 763-477-9165 or email ehlersk@rockford.k12.mn.us. If you do not want your information shared with MDE, we will not share it. If you opt out of sharing your information with MDE and DHS, **you will not receive P-EBT benefits** because MDE and DHS will not be able to determine eligibility and know where to mail your P-EBT card(s).

Additional Resources

View P-EBT resources and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for families on the [Minnesota Department of Human Services \(DHS\) P-EBT webpage](#).

If you have questions or concerns about this data privacy notice, please contact Rockford Area Schools at 763-477-9165 or email ehlersk@rockford.k12.mn.us.