

**WAC 388-439-0025 Eligibility for pandemic EBT benefits during the 2023 summer period.** (1) During the summer period of July and August 2023, schools will be deemed as closed.

(2) To be eligible for the pandemic electronic benefits transfer (P-EBT) benefit during the summer period after the 2022-2023 school year, prior to August 31, 2023, a child must be an eligible student as defined under WAC 388-439-0005 (2)(d) in June 2023.

(3) Children under the age of six as defined in WAC 388-439-0020 are not eligible for Summer P-EBT benefits following the expiration of the federal public health emergency declaration.

(4) A child determined eligible in subsection (2) of this section will receive a one-time, lump sum payment of \$120 for the 2023 summer period.

(5) Summer P-EBT benefits for an eligible student or a child under age six will be placed on a P-EBT card under WAC 388-439-0015.

(6) USDA requires all issuances of P-EBT benefits to be complete by December 31, 2023, as federal funding will be exhausted. Any and all P-EBT benefits issued beyond this date will be subject to additional USDA approval and funding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and Section 1101 of H.R. 6201, Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and amended by Section 1108 of H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. WSR 24-11-144, § 388-439-0025, filed 5/21/24, effective 6/21/24; WSR 23-20-014, § 388-439-0025, filed 9/22/23, effective 10/23/23.]