



The Illinois State Board of Education is working with the Illinois Department of Human Services to implement the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) that will provide extra funding for families who have children who qualify for free or reduced-price school meals.

Some families' circumstances may have recently changed since the COVID- 19 crisis began, so we want to ensure that we are accurately reporting all children in our district who qualify for free or reduced-price meals to the State of Illinois.

If your child was enrolled in the Free meal program before the school closure on March 16, you will not need to update your information. If you were receiving reduced meals or paid in full price meals and your circumstances have changed since the March 16 school closure, please complete the Free-Reduced Application to ensure that we have accurate meal program information for your child to report to the state. We want to ensure that our families will have the opportunity to access the P-EBT benefits if needed. The application process will need to be completed before April 15.

Applications can be picked up at Palestine Grade School front drive or mailed to you. If you come to the Grade school to pick up a copy, please pull up to the front table and get an application. We ask that if you have capabilities, please submit your application VIRTUALLY via JPG (picture) or PDF. If you have questions or need assistance with this process please email Jessica Sisil, jessica.sisil@palestine-pioneers.net or Linda Rich, linda.rich@palestine-pioneers.net.