

We have good news for AASD families!

The Department of Human Services Division of Family and Children Services in collaboration with the Georgia State University, is issuing P-EBT benefits to families identified as eligible during the 2020-2021 school term. P-EBT is the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT). This is a program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which aids families with children who temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals due to school closures, or the reduction of school hours, or attendance capacity, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This benefit will provide extra help to families who normally receive free school meals through participation in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast programs. All families of the AASD students are eligible.

How it works:

- Families currently receiving benefits will have the amount preloaded on their existing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.
- Families not currently receiving benefits but approved as part of the State Schools, will receive an EBT card mailed to the family within three (3) to four (4) weeks. The card will be sent via US Mail to the address AASD currently has on file.

All families from the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf will be issued a total of \$982.08 which will be distributed to via EBT cards, over several months beginning in mid-December.

For more information, please visit the DFCS webpage [DFCS Webpage](#). You may also email ajohnson@doe.k12.ga.us or call Andrea Johnson, School Nutrition Director, at 404-558-3857 with any questions.