



Dear Parent or Guardian:

May, 20,2024

Beginning this summer, the state of Washington will launch a new Summer EBT program called SUN Bucks, (dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks) This replaces the P-EBT you may have had during COVID. This was developed to help families during the summer when school is out. Children in your household are eligible for a NEW card listed below. **(P-EBT card previously used will NOT work)**

- 1) Child(ren) are automatically enrolled in the program via DSHS status: therefore, so you do not need to apply.
OR
- 2) Your child(ren) have returned a completed family income survey to their school they attend, that qualifies them for Free or Reduced status.

Your child(ren) will receive \$120 (for each eligible child) on their card. This equals three installments of \$40 that you can use to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. **If you receive more than \$120 per eligible child in your household, do not use the benefits, and contact your SUN Bucks Contact Center at 1-833-543-3230 (TTY: 1-800-833-6348) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday–Friday (except observed holidays) as soon as possible to confirm or correct the error.**

Your Child(s) Summer EBT/SUN Bucks cards will be customized per child and mailed to you. Please **ensure your address is updated in our system to ensure your benefit card is sent to the current address.** The plan to issue SUN Bucks beginning mid-June through the end of August 2024. Within this period, children may receive benefits at different times depending on how they qualify. Once qualified, children will receive **an approval notice and SUN Bucks EBT card** within seven to 10 business days via U.S. Mail.

SUN Bucks benefits expire and are removed 122 days from issuance.

Unlike SNAP EBT, SUN Bucks are removed regardless of usage. Once benefits are removed from an EBT card, they cannot be replaced. (So, use these benefits first!)

Receiving Summer EBT/SUN Bucks **will not affect** children or families' immigration status.

If you **DO NOT** wish to participate in Summer EBT/SUN Bucks] and would like to opt out, please reach out to:
SUN Bucks Contact Center at 1-833-543-3230 (TTY: 1-800-833-6348) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday–Friday (except observed holidays).

Goldendale School District will NOT be offering a summer meals program. Please call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (or text 914-342-7744 with the keyword "summer meals") to find the location closest to you.

Questions?

Please call the SUN Bucks Call Center with questions 1-833-543-3230, starting June 1st. More information can be found on the SUN Bucks webpage. (dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks)

Sincerely,

Ruth Faulconer
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Non-Discrimination Statement on the back

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