



Lehigh Valley Area School District

1000 Union Street
Lehigh Valley, Pa 18235

Dear Lehigh Valley Families,

A new program called Summer EBT, or “**SUN Bucks**,” has been authorized by a bipartisan U.S. Congress to provide food dollars to low-income families with school-aged children over the summer months.

What is Summer EBT/SUN Bucks:

The program is proven to reduce food insecurity and improve children's nutrition during summer break. Governor Shapiro’s administration announced that the Commonwealth would participate in this program beginning in the summer of 2024. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) oversees the program, and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) coordinates the benefit issuance in Pennsylvania.

Who is Eligible:

A student is automatically eligible for 2024 Summer EBT/SUN Bucks if they are enrolled at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP), AND they qualify for free or reduced-price school meals for any of these reasons:

1. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or
2. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or
3. Medical Assistance with income that qualifies them for the NSLP/SBP, or
4. Household meal application with income that qualifies, or
5. Are homeless, runaway, migrant, foster, or in Head Start

If your child is automatically eligible for Summer EBT/SUN Bucks, you do not need to do anything else to receive the benefit.