



Louisiana **SUN** Bucks

SCHOOLS & SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Maximizing the impact of SUN Bucks in Louisiana

A healthier future for our state begins with our children. Unfortunately, many Louisiana children face hunger during the summer when they lose access to school meals. SUN Bucks, a summer grocery benefits program, helps bridge the gap when school is out by providing families with a single, one-time \$120 benefit for each eligible child. Most eligible children will get these benefits automatically, but some parents will need to apply.

How SUN Bucks benefit your students

- Provides food assistance in the summer months
- Gives families the flexibility to select foods that fit their lifestyle
- Improves food security for participating children



Eligibility

Children are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks if:

- The child was born between August 20, 2007, and July 1, 2020, and received SNAP, FITAP, KCSP, or income-based Medicaid anytime between July 1, 2025, and August 20, 2026.
- The child applied and was individually approved to receive free or reduced-price school meals through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program.

Children who attend Community Eligibility Provision schools and do not receive any of the above benefits will need to apply to determine eligibility.

Even if a child doesn't fall into one of the categories above, they may still be eligible for SUN Bucks based on the family's income.

Address updates

Families who have moved recently should update their address with their SNAP, Medicaid, FITAP, KCSP case, foster care worker, and their child's school to ensure SUN Bucks benefits are mailed to the correct address.





Steps to maximize SUN Bucks for your students

Educate families

Encourage families to use SUN Bucks. Make sure eligible families know how to access the program. School districts, school nutrition professionals, teachers, and other personnel have a unique ability to inform families about SUN Bucks. Help spread the word about SUN Bucks and other feeding programs in your community.

Help with questions

Direct parents to the right source of information. Parents may have questions about eligibility, how to apply for SUN Bucks, or how the program works. Direct them to the ldh.la.gov/SUNBucks webpage for more information.

How SUN Bucks work

Like SNAP, SUN Bucks benefits are loaded onto an EBT card. Families can use SUN Bucks to buy fruits, vegetables, meat, grains, and dairy at grocery stores, farmers' markets, and other food retailers that accept SNAP benefits, including these online retailers: fns.usda.gov/snap/snap-online-retailers/Louisiana.

More ways to help families in your community

- Spread the word! Let households know about the SUN Bucks program.
- Encourage families to make sure their mailing address is up to date on their SNAP, FITAP, KCSP, or Medicaid case, and with their child's school or foster care caseworker.
- Remind families who have lost their EBT card to either call 888-997-1117, visit LifeInCheckEBT.com, use the LifeInCheck EBT app, or use CAFE to request a replacement card.



To learn more about SUN Bucks, visit ldh.la.gov/SUNBucks or scan the QR code.

