



**STARTING SUMMER 2024,**  
grocery benefits will be available to  
eligible families with school-age children  
during summer break.

# Help us spread the word!

## Summer EBT/SUN Bucks 2024

We are asking educators and community leaders to help us get the word out by sharing this Summer EBT/SUN Bucks Fact Sheet (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) with the families in your schools and community!

Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) or "SUN Bucks" is a federally funded program that provides grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children when schools are closed for the summer. The Summer EBT is a one-time, \$120 per eligible student benefit for summer 2024 administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).

Most eligible families will be automatically enrolled in the Summer EBT program. Families can contact their child's school to make sure their low-income indicators are up to date. The issuances and notices will be sent to eligible households at the end of August.

A Summer EBT application will be available over the summer. IDHS will have a screener available **July 1** for families to check if the agency has the information needed to process their child's Summer EBT benefit, an application is required, or an updated address is needed.

Please also note that during the summer months, families in need of meals can call **800-359-2163**, text "FOOD" (or "COMIDA") to 304-304, or view the [USDA online map](#) to find nearby meal sites not located at their school that are open to all children and youth age 18 and younger. For more information, or for help to determine eligibility after school is out, please visit the [Illinois Department of Human Services](#) website.

Thank you for helping us ensure that no child in Illinois goes hungry this summer.

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