



Summer-EBT is now SUN Bucks



PPEP TEC High Schools is happy to announce that The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) Health and Nutrition Services (HNS) in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) has released the 2024 SUN Bucks Household Application.

What are Sun Bucks?

Is a one-time summer benefit amount of \$120 will be issued to each eligible child on a SUN Bucks card. Benefit cards will be mailed to eligible children at the address provided by the school beginning in early July. Once mailed, it may take a few weeks to reach your address. **Please confirm your mailing address with your school district.**

Who qualifies?

Children enrolled in an Arizona school participating in the National School Lunch Program must:

1. Be enrolled for at least one instructional school day between July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024
2. Meet one of the following eligibility requirements:
 - Be certified free or reduced-price eligible for the NSLP or
 - Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Medicaid and meeting the federal income eligibility guidelines for free or reduced-price meals
 - Foster
 - Participating in the federal Head Start Program
 - Indicator 1 or Indicator 2 via ESEA (Title I) Income Eligibility

Households with eligible students will receive a SUN Bucks Notice of Eligibility letter in the mail.

Students in households currently participating in SNAP or TANF will have SUN Bucks benefits loaded onto the household's current EBT card. SUN Bucks benefit issuance occurred for these households in June 2024.

Households with eligible students not actively participating in SNAP or TANF will receive a Notice of Eligibility letter and a separate letter containing the EBT card for SUN Bucks. The EBT card will be preloaded with the SUN Bucks benefit. Notices and EBT cards are sent separately and mailed to the USPS mailing address on file with the state agency. One card will be issued per non-SNAP/TANF eligible household. Households must retain the notice of eligibility letter to activate the EBT card. Benefits are scheduled to be issued for these students during July and August 2024.

If you believe your household is eligible for the SUN Bucks you may complete and submit the 2024 SUN Bucks Application to ADE by July 31, 2024.

ADE will process the application and notify the household of eligibility.

- For more information about eligibility for the SUN Bucks benefit, please review the [Summer-EBT Eligibility Flowchart](#).

For Application Access:

1. Visit the [SUN Bucks for Parents and Families webpage](#).
2. Open the "Applying for SUN Bucks" accordion.
3. Select "Apply for 2024 SUN Bucks."
4. Complete and submit the webform by July 31, 2024.

Need help or have a question?

Please contact the SUN Bucks parent hotline: (833) 648-4406, SUN Bucks email: SUNBucks@azed.gov, or the [SUN Bucks for Parents and Families webpage](#)

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