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BULLETIN NO. 019-25 Child Nutrition Services

TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
School District Food Service Directors

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Summer EBT 2025

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## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 ([P.L. 117-328](#)) authorized a permanent, nationwide Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) program—also known as SUN Bucks—to support children who lose access to free and reduced-price school meals during the summer months.

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), is administering the Summer EBT (S-EBT) program in Washington state. Collaboration between these state agencies, local schools, and districts will ensure that Washington students receive this important benefit.

We appreciate Local Education Agency (LEA) efforts to provide meals to students during the school year and during the summer months. Students are eligible for S-EBT benefits regardless of whether they participate in summer meal programs.

## **S-EBT Eligibility**

Students eligible for S-EBT include:

- Students enrolled at any time during the 2024–25 school year at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) **and**
  - Students determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals through direct certification or a Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefits (CNEEB) application
- School aged (defined as 8 years to 18 years) and residing in a household receiving SNAP, TANF, or other federally means tested assistance programs approved by USDA.

Students that do not qualify by the above methods have the option to submit a S-EBT application through DSHS. Requirements for approval through a S-EBT application include:

- Confirmed to be enrolled at any time during the 2024–25 school year at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) **and**
- Meet the USDA school meals Income Eligibility Guidelines.

## **Approved Plans and Benefit Levels**

S-EBT benefits will be issued to all eligible students as outlined above. The benefit amount is \$120 per student and will be made available on a 'SUN Bucks' card. Benefits are planned to be issued June–August.

## **Local Education Agency (LEA) Role**

### **Upload Data**

Information provided by LEAs will be used to identify eligible students. LEAs must upload student and school information into the S-EBT portal for students to receive S-EBT benefits. The portal will be open for upload May 1 – May 15. It is important to upload eligible students during this time to ensure benefits are issued in accordance with federal requirements. Other upload dates will be made available for students that become newly eligible after the initial upload. Instructions on how to upload the required information will be provided to School Nutrition Departments. The upload, including data compilation, must be completed by school staff that have the authority to access student eligibility information.

### **Share Information with Families**

For full details and additional questions about S-EBT benefits, families can visit the [DSHS SUN Bucks webpage](#) or call the S-EBT Contact Center at (833) 543-3230 between 8 am and 5 pm

Monday–Friday (except observed holidays). We encourage LEAs to share this information with families through communication channels such as social media, emails, and other outreach methods.

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Leanne Eko, RD, SNS—Chief Nutrition Officer, at 360–725–0410 or email [leanne.eko@k12.wa.us](mailto:leanne.eko@k12.wa.us). The OSPI TTY number is 360–664–3631.

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