



2025 SUN BUCKS KEY INFORMATION FOR SIS COORDINATORS

BACKGROUND: North Carolina is continuing the SUN Bucks program (also known as Summer EBT or S-EBT) in 2025. SUN Bucks provides \$120 of grocery-buying benefits to qualifying families with school-aged children during the summer months when schools are on summer break. Student enrollment data collected and recorded at the local level for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will help determine whether a child is eligible and where their SUN Bucks benefits card will be sent.

1. NC DPI will be pulling school enrollment data on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, which will encompass all data up through Monday, March 31, 2025. The mailing addresses in this data will be used to mail benefit cards (SUN Bucks cards) to students who are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks. If the student record has no mailing address, the physical address will be used. If the address is invalid or blank, the card will be sent to the local DSS office in the county of the child's school.

NEED FROM SIS COORDINATORS:
Please ensure that all mailing address change requests are logged into PowerSchool, Infinite Campus, or your data system before Monday, March 31, 2025.

2. NC DPI will be pulling a final set of aggregate data at the end of the administrative school year (Friday, June 27, 2025) but recognizes that most schools close operationally prior to that date.

NEED FROM SIS COORDINATORS:
Before you leave for summer break, the last thing you should do is pull all data for students in your school for NC DPI to aggregate. If this is before Friday, June 27, 2025, that is OK.

While SUN Bucks will operate largely the same in 2025 as it did in 2024, there are some **key differences**:

2024	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PowerSchool was the only source of NSLP data ➤ Data was pulled on 12/1/2023, 4/1/2024, and finally on 6/1/2024. ➤ Children with Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) cases had their SUN Bucks benefits issued to their FNS EBT card. Others were mailed SUN Bucks cards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In addition to PowerSchool, NSLP data will also come from Infinite Campus and must be pulled on the same dates as listed for PowerSchool. ➤ Data is pulled on 12/1/2024, 4/1/2025, and finally on 6/27/2025. ➤ Everyone will be mailed a NEW SUN Bucks card, even if they already have one. Benefits will NOT go on FNS cards.

Key Program Reminders

- **Children who attend NSLP/CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) schools** are eligible if they have an approved Free or Reduced Price (FRP) school meals application on file with their school, **OR** if they are in foster care/ unhoused/ run-away/ migrant, **OR** if they are approved for FNS or Work First, **OR** if they are enrolled in Medicaid and have a household income less than 185% of the federal poverty level.
- **SUN Bucks cards will start mailing in May 2025.** Children may receive eligibility notices as early as mid-April, sent to the contact information on file with their child's school at the end of March 2025.

Learn more about the SUN Bucks program at www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks. If you or your team have questions about SUN Bucks, please direct questions to DCFWSUNBUCKS@dhhs.nc.gov. SIS coordinators can also attend one of the school personnel webinars hosted by NC DHHS, NC DPI and Carolina Hunger Initiative in March of 2025 (dates to be announced). Please check online for more information on the webinars at CarolinaHungerInitiative.org/SUNBucks.