

Dear Parent / Guardian:

You are receiving this notice because **one or more children in your household have qualified for a new federal food assistance program called SUN Bucks**, which helps families buy groceries during the summer when school is out. The qualifying child(ren) will automatically be enrolled in the program, so **you do not need to apply**. Please note that each child is evaluated for eligibility individually, and not all children in your household may be eligible. Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for information on what qualifies a child for SUN Bucks.

You will receive a one-time \$120 benefit for each eligible child on a card that you can use to buy nutritious food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other EBT-authorized retailers. If you receive more than \$120 per eligible child in your household, do not use the benefits, and contact the SUN Bucks call center at **1-866-719-0141** as soon as possible.

If you have an active Food and Nutrition Services (FNS, food stamps) case, your SUN Bucks benefits will be loaded on your existing card. If you **do not** have an active FNS case, you will be mailed a SUN Bucks card.

- *If you have Work First (TANF, cash assistance), Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution Program (CTFDP), or Medicaid:* Your card will be mailed to the address associated with those benefits.
- *If you do not get FNS, TANF, CTFDP, or Medicaid, but your child is approved to get Free or Reduced-Price meals at school:* Your card will be mailed to the address on file with your child's school.
- *If you are in foster care:* Your card will be mailed to your DSS office, and your caseworker will help get it to you.

Note: Not all CEP school children will be eligible, and some may need to apply. Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for information.

SUN Bucks benefits will begin to go out in June, but children will see their benefits throughout the summer once determined eligible. SUN Bucks **cards will be mailed as quickly as possible between June and August**. Children whose benefits are attached to active FNS cards will see their SUN Bucks benefits available in their FNS accounts within 10 days of issuance. Benefits expire 122 days after issuance, so make sure to use your benefits during the summer. Receiving SUN Bucks will not affect children or families' immigration status.

How to Activate a New Card OR Order a New Card if you Have Lost or Destroyed Your SUN Bucks Card:

The card works just like a debit card. Before using your card, you must first activate it and select a Personal Identification Number (PIN). There are three ways to activate your card, check your balance and replace your card:

1. Visit www.ebtEDGE.com. Under "EBT Cardholder," click on "More Information." Login or Register here.
2. Download and use the ebtEDGE mobile app (can be downloaded on Google Play or Apple Store).
3. Call **1-888-622-7328** and follow the prompts.

IMPORTANT: Your PIN activation code will be the date of birth (DOB) of a child in your household. **Try the DOB for each student in your household, starting with the youngest.** Enter the DOB using two digits for the month, two digits for the day, and four digits for the year. For example, if the date of birth is June 1, 2008, you would enter 06012008.

Examples of items you CAN buy with SUN Bucks	Examples of items you CANNOT buy with SUN Bucks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breads, cereals, fruits, and vegetables • Meats, fish, poultry, and dairy products • Bottled water and non-alcoholic beverages. • Seeds and plants that produce food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, or tobacco • Any nonfood items, such as: pet foods, soaps, household supplies, vitamins, and medicine • Hot or pre-prepared foods

Please note that selling benefits for cash is illegal and punishable by criminal prosecution. If you have questions, or would like to opt out of these benefits, please call **1-866-719-0141** and press Option 2. Please visit North Carolina's SUN Bucks website at www.ncdhhs.gov/sunbucks for SUN Bucks information, FAQs, and updates.

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