

MAY 28, 2024

PELL SCHOOL WILL NOT HAVE A SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM THIS YEAR!

WASHINGTON SUN BUCKS SUMMER EBT PROGRAM

Beginning this summer of 2024, the state of Washington will launch a new Summer EBT program called SUN Bucks. The program will provide families with \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy food when school is out.



Eligible families will receive a one-time payment of \$120 in food benefits on a dedicated SUN Bucks EBT card. SUN Bucks will be issued beginning mid-June through the end of August 2024. This is a separate program from the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT). Once qualified, families will receive an approval notice and a new SUN Bucks EBT card within 7 to 10 business days via U.S. Mail. SUN Bucks benefits expire 122 days from issuance. Please remember to hold on to your card for any future support. If you would like to decline the funds, please see the instructions in the approval notice letter.

Please verify your mailing address is up to date, [in your Skyward](#) account to ensure the SUN Bucks EBT card is sent to the correct address.

For more information about the Washington SUN Bucks Summer EBT Program, please visit the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services website at: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks>

Eligibility

- Children who live in a household already receiving assistance program benefits (SNAP, TANF, FDPIR), OR
- Child attends a school that operates the National School Meal Program (K-12th grade), AND
 - Is directly certified for free and reduced-price school meals, OR
 - Submit a qualifying [Family Income Survey](#) by **June 12, 2024**

Pe Ell School students have access to meals at no cost during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school year through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), but only students who qualify for free/reduced meal status (directly from Washington State or have been approved on a [Family Income Survey](#) will receive the SUN Bucks benefit.

Questions?

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact **Melissa Holmes** at 360-291-3244 x3042. or email mholmes@peell.k12.wa.us Families who need to apply or who have other questions about SUN Bucks benefits can call the SUN Bucks Contact Center at 1-833-543-3230 (TTY: 1-800-833-6348) between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday–Friday (except observed holidays). Later this month, families can opt in for text messaging alerts about their child’s SUN Bucks status at textsunbucks.dshs.wa.gov.

Contact Information

OSPI Contact: Katy Payne, katy.payne@k12.wa.us, 360-764-0201

DSHS Contact: Norah West, norah.west@dshs.wa.gov, 360-902-7833

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