# **Sparta Area Schools**

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#### What are SUN Bucks?

SUN Bucks is the new name for Summer EBT. Eligible families of school –age children will receive \$120 per child for qualifying groceries during the summer.

### Who's is eligible?

Families will be automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks if they are already enrolled in SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits or meet the requirements for free or reduced-priced school meals. If you did not receive an email or letter in the mail from your school's food service department stating that your child qualified for free or reduced meals you will need to apply for SUN Bucks directly.

## How Do I know if my household needs to apply?

If you do not receive SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits and haven't received a letter from the school's food service department you need to apply.

# How do I apply?

The application is available online through MI Bridges Application <u>SUN Bucks/Summer EBT Application</u>. Scroll down the front page until you see Summer EBT Program SUN Bucks and click on the Apply for Special Programs

**Application deadline-**Apply by April 15, 2025 to be eligible for the first issuance of benefits in May. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until August 31, 2025.

#### SUN Bucks/2025 Summer EBT 2025 Benefit Issuance

Education Benefit forms are no longer qualifying SUN Buck forms. Families must complete the MI Bridges Application if not directly certified.

2025 summer EBT benefits will be issued in May 2025

Eligible households will receive a letter explaining; summer EBT eligibility, How to activate/use card, When benefits will expire, How to opt out, and what benefits can and cannot be used.

Summer EBT Cards will be issued in the name of each eligible student and will be valid for future years issuance so do not throw out your EBT Card.

Families with an active Food or Cash Assistance case will have their benefits loaded on their existing Bridge Card.

Have Questions? Please contact MDHHS Summer EBT at 1-833-905-0028 option 2 or MDHHS-SEBT@MICHIGAN.GOV

