



SUN Bucks (previously p-EBT) is a summer grocery benefit for kids. SUN Bucks provides eligible school aged children with meal support during the summer months while school is not in session. Each eligible child will receive a card in the amount of \$120 to use on groceries.

Who is considered eligible?

School aged children who are Direct Certification or if their household receives a public benefit program such as SNAP, WIC, Medi-Cal, and Medi-Works. These children will be the first to receive benefit disbursements.

If household does not receive public benefits, they must meet the [income guidelines](#) and child must be enrolled in a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program.

When will the disbursements take place?

Disbursements will begin June 1, 2024 and continue through September 1 2024.

My child's school district is CEP, why didn't I receive a card?

The difference between p-EBT and SUN Bucks is that, the state is going back to eligibility based on household income. A student must qualify for free/reduced lunch based on household income in order to be considered eligible. Not all students will be eligible simply because the district provides free meals to all students.

How does the state know if students are eligible?

Household income is recorded when parents register their students through ParentVue. The household income is uploaded through CALPADS by our IT service area. They update the system frequently so the information is being provided to the state.

Households have until August 31st to input their household income to qualify for SUN Bucks.

I received a SUN Bucks card for some of my children but not all.

Children must be school aged and had to have been enrolled in an RUSD school for the 22/23 school year. If you feel your child should have received one and did not, you may call the SUN Bucks customer hotline: **(877) 328-9677**.

Can my student still participate in the summer feeding program if they receive a SUN Bucks card?

Yes! The state encourages families to take their children to the nearest summer feeding location and utilize both available programs. All children ages 1-18 are able to participate in the summer feeding program regardless of household income. (See Rialto Child Nutrition website for feeding locations or follow on social media.) [Rialto USD Child Nutrition](#) or @rialtonutrition on any social media outlet.

SUN Bucks information:

Phone: (877) 328-9677

Web: [USDA Sun Bucks](#)