



SUN BUCKS KEY INFORMATION FOR SIS COORDINATORS

BACKGROUND: North Carolina is continuing the SUN Bucks program (also known as Summer EBT or S-EBT). SUN Bucks provides a grocery-buying benefit to eligible school-aged children during the summer months. 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.

Key Program Reminders

Children who attend NSLP/CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) schools are eligible if:

- If they have an approved Free or Reduced Price (FRP) school meals application
- If they are in foster care or the McKinney-Vento program for homeless youth
- If they are approved for Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) or Work First, or
- If they are enrolled in Medicaid and have a household income within 185% of the federal poverty level.

SUN Bucks cards are mailed to students starting in May of each year:

- Everyone will be mailed a NEW SUN Bucks card, even if they already have one. Benefits will NOT go on FNS cards.
- New SUN Bucks cards will start mailing in May. Children may receive eligibility notices as early as mid-April.
- SUN Bucks cards are mailed to the student's address on file at the school where the student was last enrolled on or before March 31.

Student Enrollment Data

- NSLP student enrollment data is pulled from the NCSIS by NCDPI on the closest business days to December 1, April 1, and no later than June 30.
- Student enrollment records are pulled for the last school the student attended on or before the date of each pull.

Student Address Data

- The student address found in the April 1 data will be used to mail SUN Bucks cards.
- When pulling student addresses, priority will be given to the student's primary mailing address and then to any physical address found. If the address is invalid or missing.



SIS COORDINATORS:

- 1) **By March 31, please ensure that all mailing address change requests are entered in the NCSIS.**
- 2) **By June 30, please ensure that all student program participation records and school meal applications are entered.**

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 dcfw.SuNBucks@dhhs.nc.gov. SIS coordinators can also attend one of the school personnel webinars hosted by NC DHHS, NCDPI (dates to be announced). Please check online for more information on upcoming webinars at [SUN Bucks Resources](#).