

Summer EBT, a program that provides a one-time benefit of $120 for each eligible school-aged child, for grocery purchases, is returning to Virginia in 2025!

Benefits will be issued by The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS). Some households will receive benefits in an existing EBT account. Others will receive a Sun Bucks card in the mail. The timelines are not yet available.

***Please note that eligibility requirements for SUN Bucks are different than eligibility requirements for free school meals through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the National School Lunch Program.***

Norfolk Public Schools students who currently receive in-person educational services at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program **and** who meet one or more of the specific criteria below are automatically eligible for benefits:

* The student receives SNAP, TANF, and/or is income-eligible through Medicaid.
* The student has extended eligibility based on another student in the same household who receives benefits through a program listed above.
* The student is identified in the student information system as homeless, migrant, runaway, and foster care placement.

***Important: Please make sure your child’s school has the correct information in the student information system, including the address where the student resides and the parent/guardian who the student lives with.***

If your child is not automatically eligible, they may still qualify! Starting in May, VDSS will implement a voluntary application process. Visit [www.virginiasunbucks.com](http://www.virginiasunbucks.com/) in late May/early June for more information.

Please note- Norfolk Public Schools (NPS) does not issue SUN Bucks benefits. The department of School Nutrition does not collect or process Summer EBT applications and will not be able to answer specific questions about the status of Summer EBT applications, the date you may receive your benefits, or how you will receive them.

Summer EBT does not replace the nutritious meals offered at no cost by School Nutrition through the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). All children, ages 18 and under, may participate in SFSP. To find a summer meal site close to you, visit School Nutrition’s web site at [www.npsk12.com/nutrition](http://www.npsk12.com/nutrition).

