

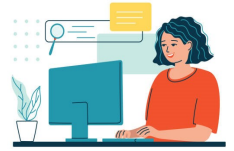


SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR KIDS



What are Sun Bucks?

SUN Bucks provides \$177 in grocery benefits per eligible school-age child when school is out for the summer. SUN Bucks can be used to purchase food from authorized retailer. The Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) and the Public School System (PSS) Child Nutrition Program (CNP) are working together to distribute the benefits to eligible CNMI children.



Who is eligible for 2025 Sun Bucks?

2025 SUN Bucks benefits target children enrolled in eligible K-12 CNMI schools during the 2024-2025 school. This includes:

- All children enrolled at PSS K-12 schools
- All children enrolled in the Headstart and Early Headstart Program
- Homeschooled students who properly are registered with PSS, meet age requirement (5yrs old on or before July 31, 2025), and currently participate in the NAP Program..
- Children who turned 5yrs old on or before July 31, 2025 who are under the NAP Program.
- Private school students who turned 5 yrs old by July 31, 2025.



Who is NOT eligible for 2025 Sun Bucks EBT?



- Children who are below 5 yrs old by July 31, 2025.
- Children that don't attend PSS or Private School, or in a registered homeschool.
- Children 17 yrs or older who have dropped out of school during the current or previous school year and are not NAP recipients
- Children who transfer or leave off island before the end of the school year.

Want to Opt Out of Sun Bucks?

- Inform your child's school in writing that you wish to OPT OUT.
- Do not pick up the benefits.



This means that PSS will not provide your child's information with NAP and that you do not wish to receive SUN Bucks benefits.

If your child does not get benefits:



A helpline will be set up to receive calls and collect information. Child Nutrition Program (CNP), Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP), and the Public School System (PSS) will investigate and ensure that households of all eligible kids receive the benefits they are entitled to. It may take longer than expected, but eligible students will have access to benefits before the end of the distribution period in September. Due to privacy concerns, CNP and NAP staff are not authorized to discuss student information over the telephone.

How to make sure your child receives the Sun Bucks benefits:

Sun Bucks benefits will be distributed based on student information provided by each school or school district's student information system. This means the details submitted during the student's registration for the school year (SY) 2024-2025 will be used by NAP for benefit distribution.

NAP and CNP will receive this information directly from both public and private schools. Each student record includes designated parents or guardians listed as Parent/Guardian #1 and Parent/Guardian #2. Only these two individuals will be authorized to collect the student's Sun Bucks benefits at the NAP office.

For questions or updates regarding your child's information, please contact your child's school directly.

NAP and CNP are not responsible for resolving custody or household disputes. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians and schools to ensure that the student records are accurate. CNP and NAP are only responsible for using the provided records to distribute federal benefits, and proper documentation and accountability are required.

If an eligible student is 18 years of age or older, they may collect their own benefits.



Distribution:

Each student meeting the age and enrollment requirements is eligible to receive \$177 in Sun Bucks benefit coupons. Distribution dates are by letters and we are to follow the **LAST NAME OF THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD**.

Distributions will take place according to the following schedule:

FIRST LETTER OF LAST NAME	DATE	DAY
A' to B'	June 10, 2025	Tuesday
C'	June 11, 2025	Wednesday
D' to G'	June 12, 2025	Thursday
H' to J'	June 13, 2025	Friday
K' to L'	June 14, 2025	Saturday
CLOSED	June 15, 2025	Sunday
M' to N'	June 16, 2025	Monday
O' to R'	June 17, 2025	Tuesday
S'	June 18, 2025	Wednesday
T' to Z'	June 19, 2025	Thursday
OPEN DAY	June 20, 2025	Friday



Open day will be June 23 to September 30, 2025 except weekends and holidays from 8:00am to 12:00pm via walk-in process for households unable to pick up during the drive-thru in the NAP BICA Office. Sun Bucks Benefits will be distributed in a similar way to the monthly NAP benefits, but during a different week of the month due to NAP staffing capacity.

Households coming to pick up Sun Bucks benefits that do not correspond to their appropriate day will be instructed to return on their designated day, or walk in between 8:00am to 12:00pm, June 23 to September 30, 2025. This information will be included in all flyers and announcements. In addition, two signs are posted per day with the first letters of the last names being issued for that day.

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