



Summer Nutrition
Program for Kids

All Stakeholder Webinar

July 21, 2026

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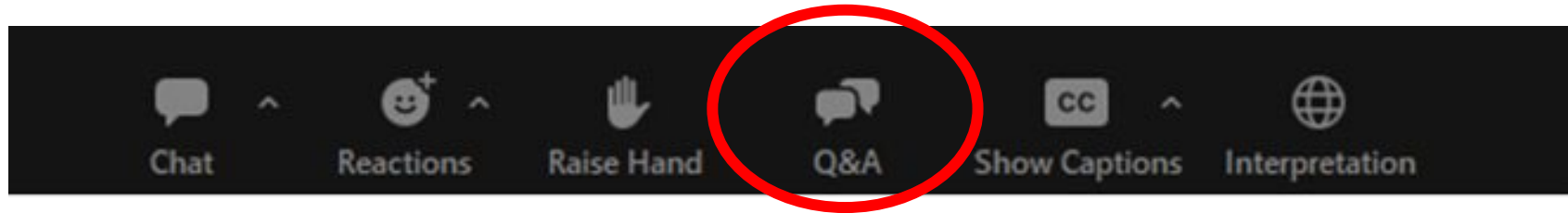
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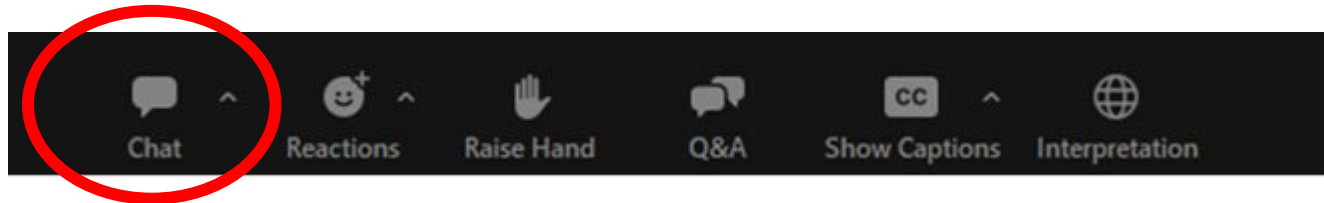


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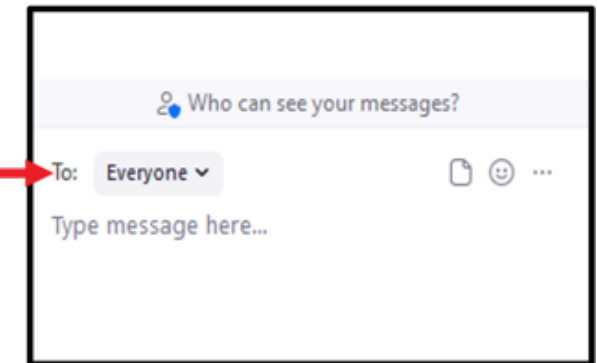
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Agenda

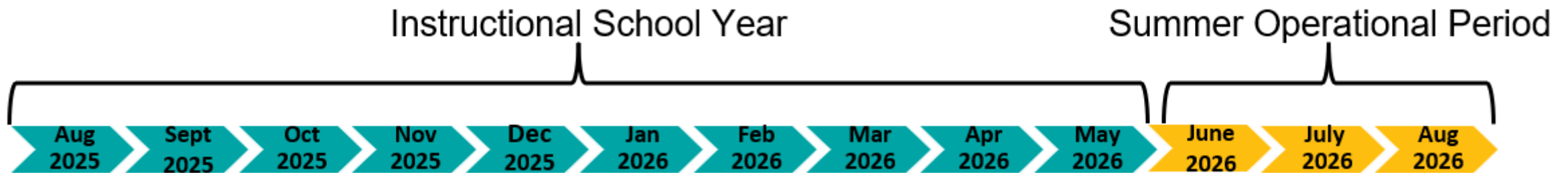
- **Overview**
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Overview

Key Definitions

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)/Summer Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Summer Operational Period (SOP): **June 1 – August 31, 2026**
- Compulsory School Age: 6 – 18 years old*
- Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 school



* Children outside of these age parameters may be eligible if they are attending a NSLP/SBP-participating school and certified to be eligible for FRPM.

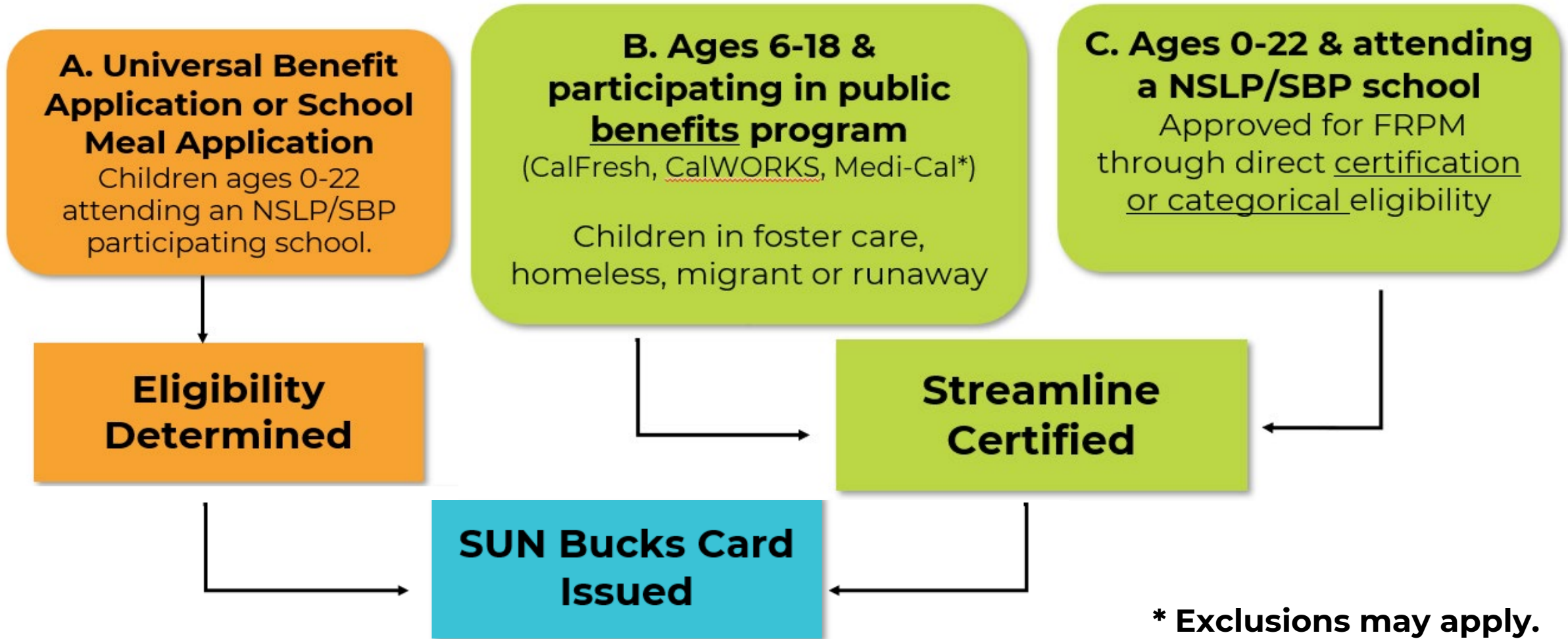
What are SUN Bucks?

The SUN Bucks program helps families with school-age children buy food during the summer months when kids might not have access to school meals.



Reminder: Families receiving SUN Bucks can still participate in other food assistance programs.

Eligibility ABCs



California's Universal Meals Program

Universal Free School Meal



SUN Bucks Eligibility

- California operates the Universal Meals Program (UMP), which provides free meals to all students enrolled in NSLP/SBP-participating schools, regardless of income.
- Participation in UMP does not mean children are eligible for SUN Bucks.
- Children must be streamlined certified or determined income eligible through a School Meal Application or UBA to receive SUN Bucks.

Some Medi-Cal Families May Need to Apply

- Children ages 6-18 years who get CalFresh or CalWORKs are automatically eligible for SUN Bucks.
- Some families getting Medi-Cal can be automatically eligible for SUN Bucks. However, if the child does not get CalFresh or CalWORKs, and are not approved for Free or Reduced Price Meals at their school, they might not be eligible automatically. CDSS recommends the family to apply.
- **To apply, submit a school meal application or Universal Benefits Application (UBA) to the child's school.**

SUN Bucks Application

All applications must be submitted directly to the child's school or school district:

- **Universal Benefits Application (UBA) form** for children attending a **CEP/Provision 2 school**.
- **School meal application** for children attending **other schools participating in NSLP/SBP**.
- If unsure, ask the child's school about which form to use.
- Medi-Cal families who do not get CalFresh or CalWORKs, or are not approved for free or reduced-price school meals should apply.



Universal Benefits Application (UBA)

- UBAs are available in multiple language versions for CEP/Provision 2 school students who need to apply.
- Applicable Income Eligibility Guidelines for Reduced Priced Meals apply to SUN Bucks 2026 when determining eligibility.

Families can submit UBAs by August 31, 2026, to their child's school to apply for SUN Bucks 2026!

Card Management

Families can only use the SUN Bucks cards after setting up their **Personal Identification Number (PIN)**.

- The instructions to set up a PIN come with the card in the mail.
- Download the **free** ebtEDGE mobile app



Benefit Expungement

Benefits expire **122 days** from when benefits are loaded onto the card*.

- Expired benefits cannot be replaced or added back to the card.
- Families should not wait to set up a PIN or spend SUN Bucks.
- If also receiving CalFresh, use SUN Bucks first.
- Families can use the **free** ebtEDGE app to check their card expungement date.

*The Code of Federal Regulations requires that benefits be removed or 'expunged' 122 days from the date of issuance.

2026 Program Implementation

Staggered Issuance

Stage 1:

Late May 2026 – late June 2026

**Initial issuance of all
streamline certified**

Over 3.5M cards

Stage 2:

July 2026 – until
completed

**New eligibility +
Escalation issuances**

CDSS SUN Bucks Website



SUN Bucks

SUN Bucks - A Summer Food Program for Children

California's Summer EBT program, also known as SUN Bucks, provides \$120 per eligible child to help families buy food during the summer when school is out.

Most eligible children get SUN Bucks automatically. Other families must apply for SUN Bucks benefits at their child's school.

Getting and using SUN Bucks does not affect a family's immigration status. Children who get SUN Bucks can still participate in [other food assistance programs](#), like CalFresh and Summer Meal Programs.

For cardholder assistance, the SUN Bucks helpline is available at (877) 328-9677. The helpline provides automated support 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Live agents are available Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. To check your benefit balance and claim status, visit the [California EBT cardholder website](#).

To learn more, click on the different pages below for specific information.



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Other Nutrition Resources

- [Summer Meal Programs website](#)
- Visit [CalFresh](#) to discover other food benefits
- [Find Food Banks in California](#)
- [Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program](#)
- [California Department of Public Health: Healthy Eating and Physical Activity as a Family](#)
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2026 Program Flyers

General Information Flyer



General Information for SUN Bucks 2026



What Is the SUN Bucks Program?
SUN Bucks provides families with \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries during the summer when school is out. SUN Bucks cards are accepted at locations where CalFresh EBT cards are accepted. **Getting SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.**

Automatic Enrollment for SUN Bucks 2026
Children between the ages of 6-18 who get CalFresh, CalWORKS, and/or Medi-Cal with an income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) will automatically get SUN Bucks. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on public benefit participation or their status as migrant, homeless, or foster youth will also get SUN Bucks automatically.





How To Get SUN Bucks?
If your child is not automatically enrolled in SUN Bucks, you must submit an application to your child's school or district **by August 31, 2026** to see if you qualify.
Students who don't get public assistance and who are not identified by their school as migrant, homeless, or foster youth **must** apply to have their SUN Bucks eligibility determined. Getting free school meals **does not** guarantee SUN Bucks enrollment.
Kids who get Medi-Cal will only automatically get SUN Bucks if their family's income is at or below 185% of the FPL. For example, children who get Medi-Cal and Supplemental Security Income (SSI/SSP), Adoption Assistance (AAP), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (KIN GAP), Cash Assistance or Foster Care (FC) will need to apply because these families' Medi-Cal is not certified at or below 185% of the FPL. If you aren't sure, apply.

Friendly Reminders:

- **Have you moved recently?** Update your contact information with your child's school or school administrator's office, your local county social services office, or at BenefitsCal.com.
- **Report any SUN Bucks card issues to the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.** A family cannot get more than one SUN Bucks card per child, or get SUN Bucks from more than one state.
- **SUN Bucks expire 122 days after being loaded on the card.** Families are encouraged to spend their SUN Bucks before CalFresh benefits. Check your balance details at www.ebtedge.com.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks or scan the QR code.



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CEP School Flyer



Apply for SUN Bucks A Summer Nutrition Program for Children

You can get extra money for food this summer – Apply for SUN Bucks!



Do you know that your family can get extra money to buy food during summer months? Your child can participate in SUN Bucks program via automatic enrollment or through application!

Each eligible child gets one SUN Bucks card with \$120. Kids who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other food assistance programs such as CalFresh and summer meal programs. SUN Bucks does not affect your immigration status.

Apply by submitting a Universal Benefits Application (UBA) at your child's school by August 31, 2026!

Some children may automatically receive SUN Bucks. If your child is not automatically enrolled, you must apply to get benefits, even if your child gets free school meals. If you are unsure, applying can help ensure your child doesn't miss out.

More Information about SUN Bucks

SUN Bucks is California's summer nutrition program that helps families with school-aged children buy food during summer months when kids might not have access to school meals.
You can use SUN Bucks for food at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other authorized retailers. You cannot use SUN Bucks for hot foods, pet foods, cleaning or household supplies, personal hygiene items, or medicine.



Your child will be AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED if they meet any of the following conditions:

- They get CalFresh, or CalWORKS, or Medi-Cal with family income at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or
- They are identified by the school as a foster, homeless, migrant or runaway child.

If not automatically enrolled, you must apply to receive SUN Bucks!

Important Things to Keep in Mind

- **The deadline to submit a Universal Benefits Application to your child's school for Summer 2026 is August 31, 2026. Apply today!**
- SUN Bucks cards will start arriving in mail as early as June 2026. Keep your address updated with your child's school and/or your county social services office to get your card.
- You will only have 122 days to use your SUN Bucks. The time starts when funds are loaded onto the card, which happens a few days after California mails it to you. Any money left after 122 days will expire and cannot be put back on the card.

Want to Learn More?

- Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/sun-bucks
- Check out the [CDSS YouTube channel](#)
- Scan the quick response (QR) code.



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2026 Program Flyers

PIN Your Card Flyer



PIN Your SUN Bucks Card Before Your Benefits Expire!

SUN Bucks helps families buy groceries for eligible children when school is out. Each SUN Bucks card is loaded with \$120 and may arrive at different times throughout the summer for each child. **SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status.**

HERE'S WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET YOUR SUN BUCKS CARD IN THE MAIL

How to use your SUN Bucks card:
Select a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for your card by logging in to the free ebtEDGE mobile application, logging on to the www.ebt.ca.gov site, or by calling the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677.

Be sure to spend your SUN Bucks within 122 days of funds being loaded on to your card. Any benefits that you have not used after 122 days will expire.

If you do not want to use your SUN Bucks card:
Call the SUN Bucks Helpline at (877) 328-9677 to speak with the call center about opting out of the SUN Bucks program.

After opting out, you can destroy all unwanted SUN Bucks cards.

What you can buy with SUN Bucks:

- fruits and vegetables - dairy products - seeds and plants, which produce food for the household to eat	- meat, poultry, and fish - bread and cereals - other foods such as snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages
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What you cannot buy with SUN Bucks:
SUN Bucks **cannot** be used for hot foods, pet foods, cleaning or household supplies, personal hygiene items, or medicine.

Children who get SUN Bucks can still participate in other summer meal programs in their communities. To find a site closest to you, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY (1-877-8-HAMBRE), text "food" or "SFSP" to 1-914-342-7744, or visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder.

Want to Learn More?

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Some Medi-Cal Families May Need to Apply Flyer



Some Families Getting Medi-Cal May Need To Apply For SUN Bucks

You might have heard that kids who get Medi-Cal automatically get SUN Bucks. This is only true for families with income that is certified at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Some eligible families may need to apply for SUN Bucks if their child gets Medi-Cal through:

- Eligible household income, but that income is not confirmed at or below 185% of the FPL,
- Adoption Assistance Program (AAP) or Foster Care (FC),
- Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment (Kin-GAP) Cash Assistance, or
- Supplemental Security Income/ State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP).

How do I know if I need to apply for my child to get SUN Bucks?

If the child:

- Gets Medi-Cal that is **not** certified at or below 185% of the FPL, and
- Is **not** getting CalFresh or CalWORKs, and
- Is **not** certified by their school as migrant, foster, homeless, or runaway...

Then the family must apply with their child's school by August 31, 2026.

To apply for SUN Bucks:

- Ask your child's school for a Universal Benefits Application (UBA) or a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal application.
- Once you complete the appropriate form, return it to your child's school by August 31, 2026.

Do not send your application directly to the California Department of Social Services or California Department of Education. Turn in the appropriate application to your child's school. The school will review the application and compare your income to the SUN Bucks income limits to see if your child qualifies for SUN Bucks. If you are unable to return the application to the school site in person, ask the school about how to submit it. If you have already turned in a UBA or NSLP meal application during the school year, you do not need to apply again for SUN Bucks.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Participation in SUN Bucks does not affect your family's immigration status. For more information from our federal partners on the SUN Bucks program, visit www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sunbucks.
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Update Your Address

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CDE SUN Bucks Resources

- March 2026 SUN Bucks Webinar Recording:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=302gOjyC_EU
- CDE SUN Bucks Website: [SUN Bucks \(Summer EBT\) - Nutrition \(CA Dept of Education\)](#)
- A Guide to Conducting Verification for 2026 SUN Bucks:
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/documents/verificationguide26.pptx>
- California SUN Bucks 2026 Verification Fact Sheet:
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/documents/sunbucksfactsheet26.docx>

2026 Outreach Campaigns

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- The automated messaging campaign of **“Your Child’s 2026 SUN Bucks card is arriving soon!”** aims at reminding families about receiving SUN Bucks cards in the mail.
- This campaign started on May 18, 2026.
- As of 7/17/2026, CDSS has sent 1,795,885 automated messages, including 1,475,345 emails and 349,453 texts.

2026 Outreach Campaigns

- The automated messaging campaign of **“Pin your card before it expires!”** aims at reminding families to pin their card and to use benefits before they expire.
- This campaign started on June 22, 2026.
- As of July 17, 2026, CDSS has sent 318,454 automated messages, including 219,919 emails and 98,535 texts.

2026 Social Media Posts



Outreach Best Practices

Use clear, simple, and positive language to remind families:

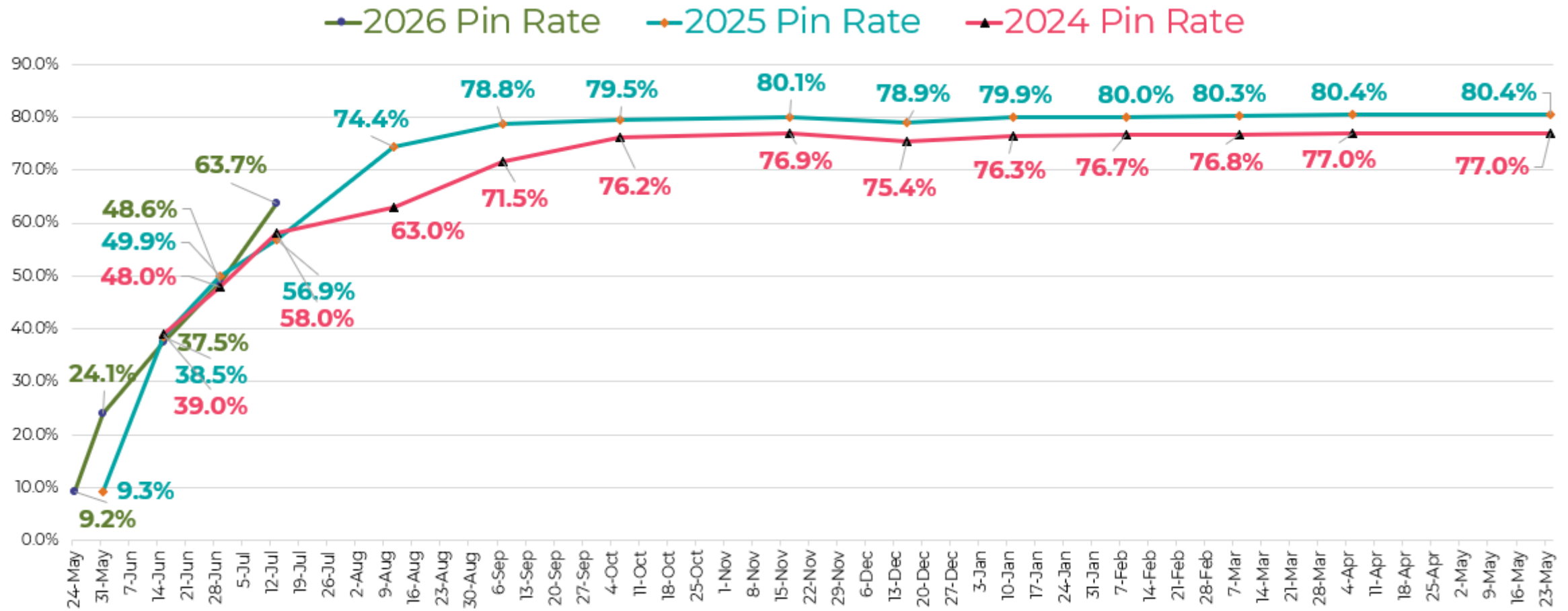
- SUN Bucks gives eligible kids \$120 to buy food.
- The deadline to apply for SUN Bucks 2026 is **August 31, 2026**.
- The **SUN Bucks Helpline 877-328-9677** can help with eligibility questions, PIN set up assistance, address updates, and more.
- Your SUN Bucks **expire within 122 days**, don't wait to spend it!

2026 Program Data

2026 Card Usage & Status

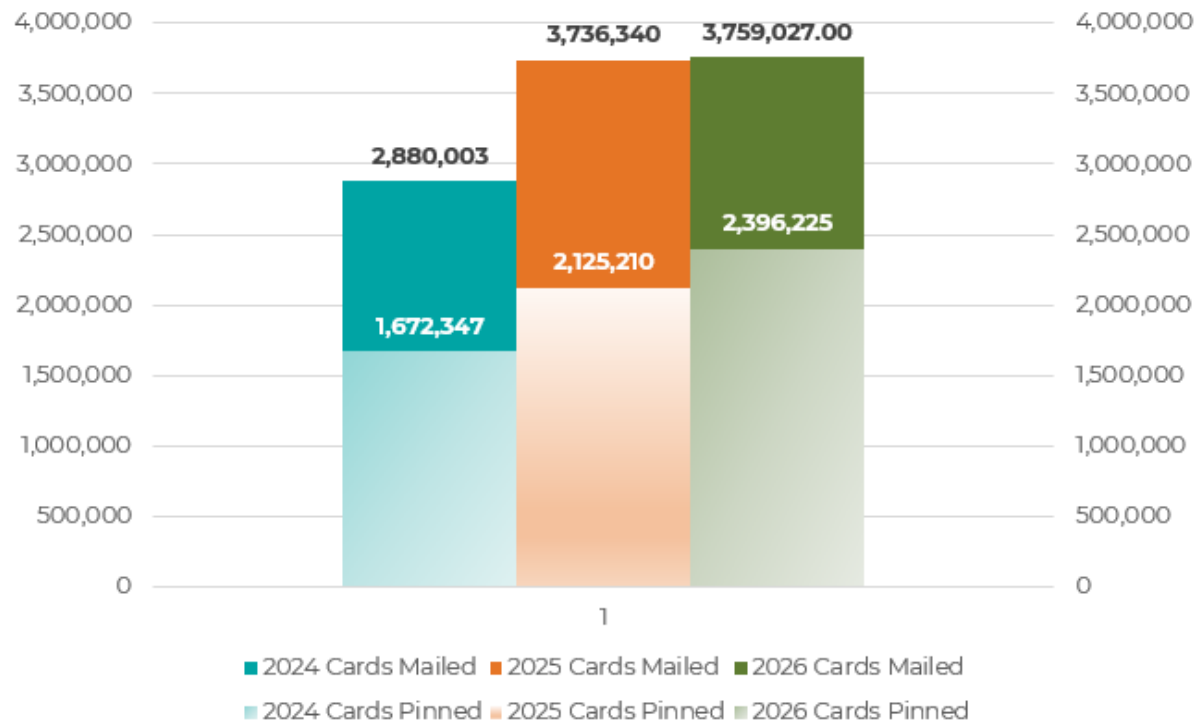
Benefit Usage As of 7/12/2026	
Activity	Total
Mailed Cards	3,759,027
<u>PINed</u> Cards	2,369,225 (63.7% PIN Rate)
Benefits Value on <u>PINed</u> Cards	\$ 287,546,958 (Includes benefit replacements)
Food Purchased	\$ 240,463,074.73 (83.6% of Benefits Value on PINed cards)

2024 – 2026 Card PIN Trend

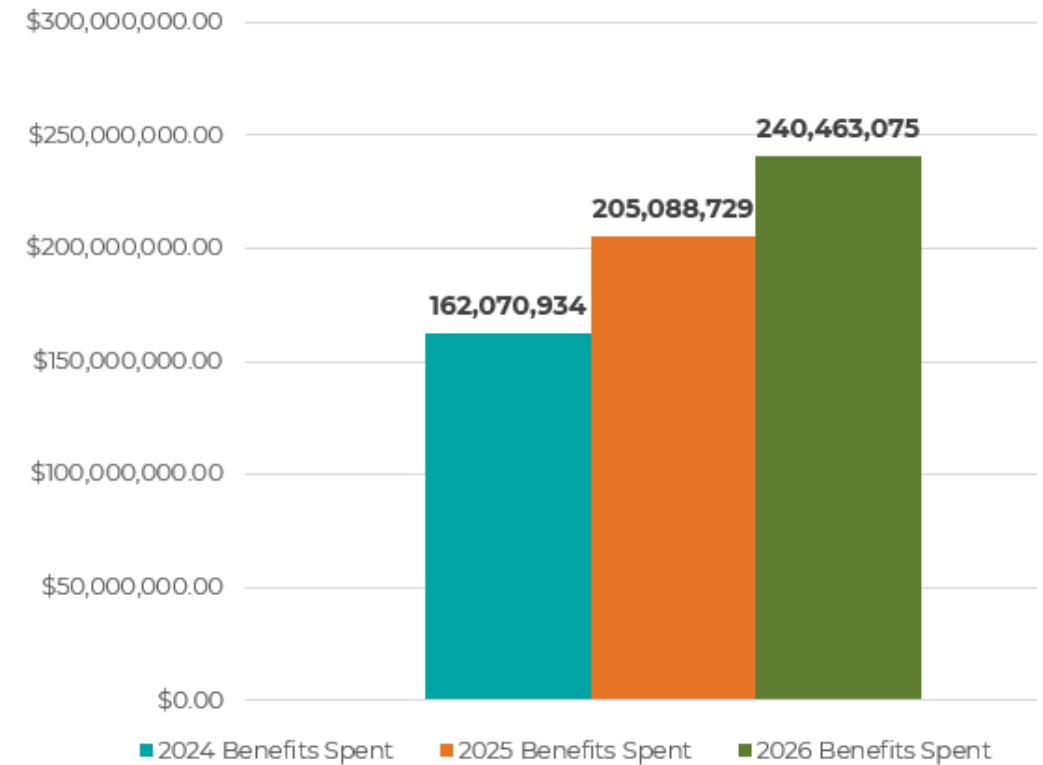


Other Year-Over-Year Comparisons

July 13, 24-26 Cards Mailed and Pinned Year-Over-Year



July, 24-26 Benefits Spent Year-Over-Year



Customer Service

SUN Bucks Helpline: (877) 328-9677

Eligibility
questions

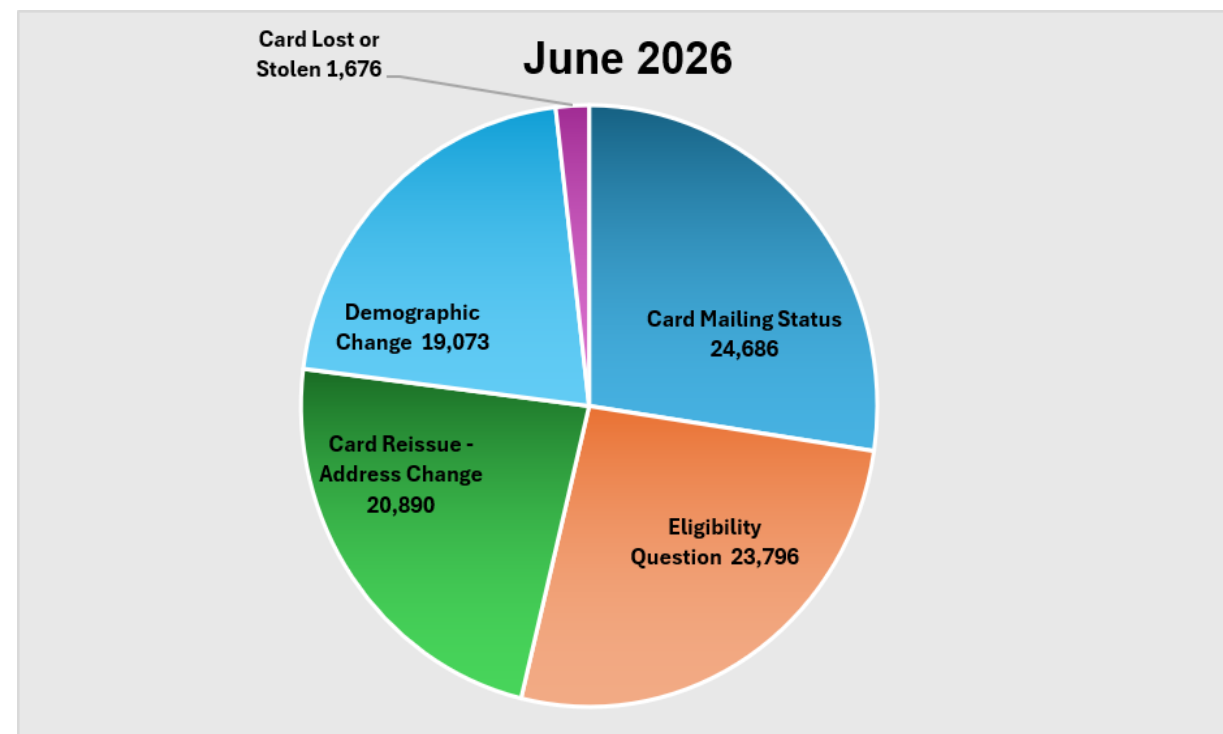
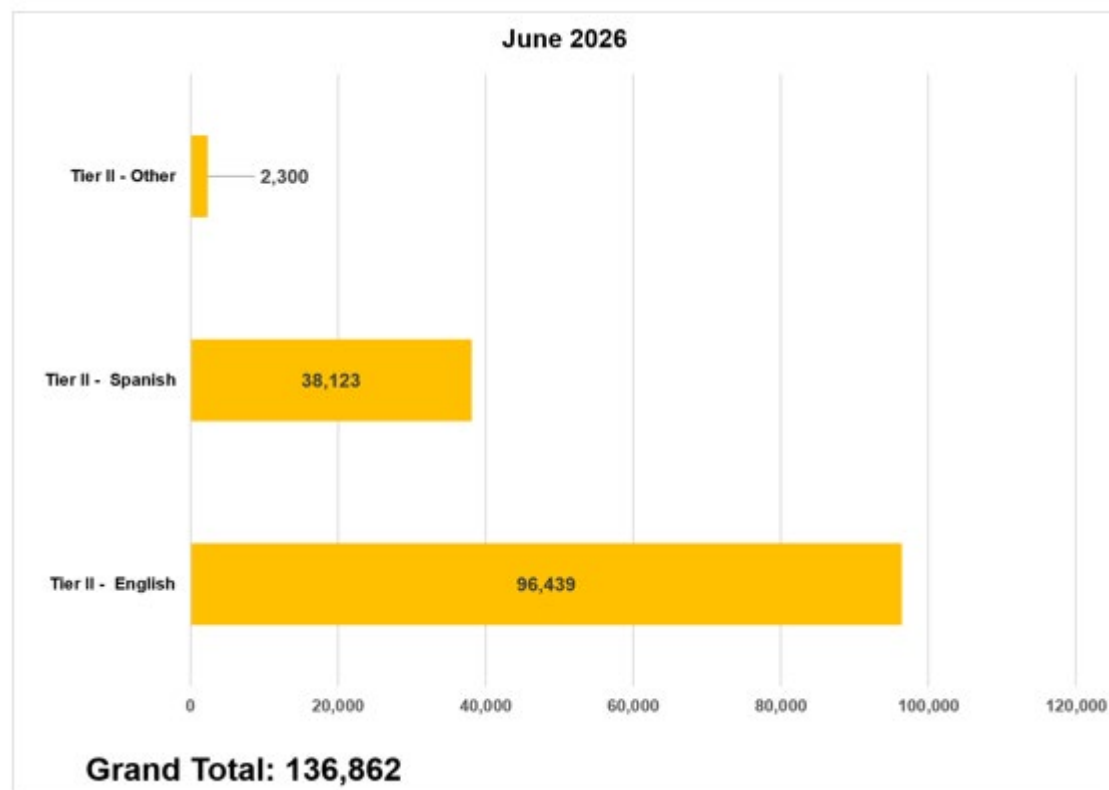
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Assistance with
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Escalations

- SUN Bucks Helpline provides automated support 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.
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- Families need to listen carefully to the menu and pick the appropriate option.

Helpline Call Data



Important Reminders

- The deadline to apply for SUN Bucks 2026 is **August 31, 2026**.
- Families (especially for streamline certified children) should keep their address updated with child's school and/or the county social services office.
- If a child receives more than one card, families must report the duplicate card to the Helpline and destroy the duplicate card.
- SUN Bucks benefits expire **122 days** after funds are loaded onto the card. Any money left after 122 days will expire and cannot be put back on the card. **Don't wait to use it!**

Other Nutrition Resources

Children receiving SUN Bucks can also participate in other nutrition programs such as CalFresh and Summer meal programs!

Other Nutrition Resources

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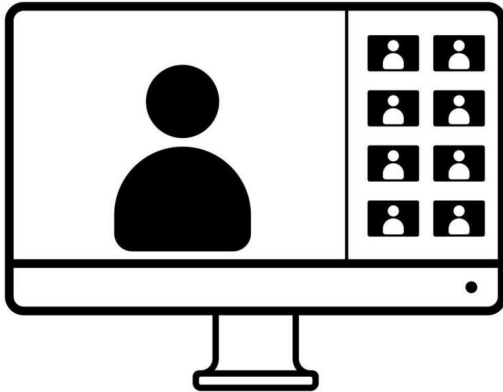
Q&A Session

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Thank You!



Next All-Stakeholder Webinar
Tuesday August 18, 2026



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