



Director of Operations - Dr. Ned W. Lauver

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If your family is already approved for free or reduced lunches your students are eligible for a new program called Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT), also known as SUN Bucks, which helps households buy food during the summer when school is out. Your students will automatically be enrolled in the program. You do not need to apply.

If you have not been approved for free or reduced lunches, and you feel your family would qualify, please submit an application by June 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. Approved students will automatically qualify for the new Summer EBT benefit program. Access a school paper application here:

[Click Here](#). Online application here: [Click Here](#).

You will receive \$120 for each eligible child in the household either on your Ohio Direction Card (if you have one), or a benefit card in the mail. You can use the money to buy food during the summer at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other approved retailers. If you receive more than \$120 per eligible child in your household, do not use the benefits. Contact the Summer EBT Helpline at 1-866-244-0071, option 1 as soon as possible to confirm or correct the error.

The Summer EBT benefit will be sent by the beginning of July. Benefits will be available to use for 122 days after you receive the benefit on your Ohio Direction Card or receive the benefit card in the mail. Receiving Summer EBT will not affect children's or families' immigration status.

If your address has changed this year be sure to update it with your school district or benefit issuance agency (SNAP, Medicaid, OWF) to ensure your benefit card is sent to the right address. If you do not wish to take part in Summer EBT, do not use the card. The benefits will expire after 122 days.

In addition to Summer EBT, children under 18 years of age in your household can also receive free meals during the summer at a summer meal site. You can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (or text 914-342-7744 with the keyword "summer meals") to find the location closest to you.

If you have questions, please contact the Summer EBT helpline at 1-866-244-0071, option 1.

Sincerely,  
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Food Service Supervisor  
Avon Lake City Schools



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