

It's officially back-to-school season for many families and along come the extra expense of uniforms, supplies and backpacks. **We want to remind families that two resources are available to support through this stressful transition.**

1. Apply for free school meals.

Check with your child's front office or call the school district office to apply online. Thanks to the extension of a \$3.8 million investment for school meals in the state budget this year, kids qualifying under the "reduced" category in schools that operate the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program can enjoy breakfast and lunch for free.

2. SUN Bucks program is still available for families!

SUN Bucks provides \$120 in grocery benefits per eligible school-age child. Don't know if your child is eligible? Click here to learn more about eligibility for Summer 2025 or to apply for your child! DEADLINE to apply is August 5.

IMPORTANT Info on Summer Meals: Many Summer Meal sites have closed down for the 2025 summer season. For any questions related to free Summer Meals or to find open sites, go

to www.fns.usda.gov/summer/summermeals