



### **Attention Berrien Springs Public Schools Families**

Michigan Summer EBT program helps families buy food for their school-aged children during the summer. Families receive \$120 for each eligible child to buy groceries. Children who receive Michigan Summer EBT can still participate in other summer meal programs.

Some families will automatically get Summer EBT benefits, but some will need to apply. Families must meet the income and program requirements to be eligible. Applying for or receiving Summer EBT does not affect the immigration status of your children or family.

**Announcements/updates:** Have you moved? Please update your address with your child's school and/or MDHHS.

### **Who is eligible?**

Your school-aged child, age 6 to 18, is eligible for Summer EBT if:

- They were or are already receiving SNAP (food benefits), TANF (cash assistance), or Medicaid\* anytime between [07/30/2024-08/31/2025]
- Categorically eligible (Foster child, homeless, migrant, or a runaway)\*\*.

Some families eligible for Summer EBT don't need to apply and will receive benefits automatically.

### **You DO NOT need to apply if:**

- Your child, between the ages of 6 and 18, receives SNAP (food benefits), TANF (cash assistance), or some types of Medicaid\*. Your child of any age is enrolled in a school participating in the National School Lunch Program and has the status of being in foster care, homeless, a migrant, or a runaway.

## What is the income limit?

Summer EBT income limit is 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. Your income must be less than or equal to the limit shown for your household size. Once you have completed the application, you will know whether or not your children qualify based on your income. **Please note:** You will want to include **ALL** household members: All adults and children living in your home, regardless of status or age.

## How do I apply for Summer EBT benefits?

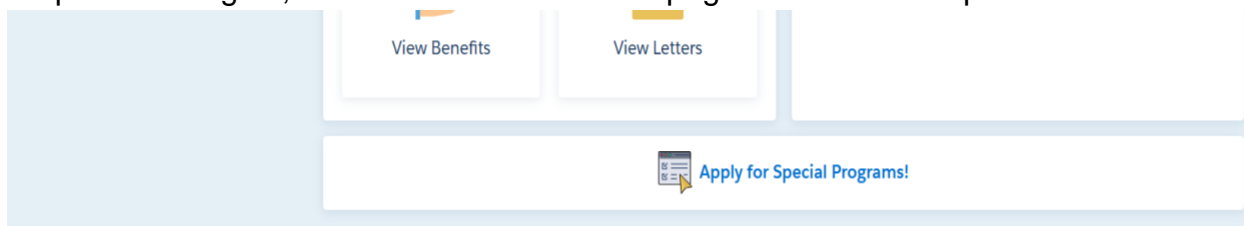
Applying online is the quickest way to see if you qualify for Sun Bucks benefits. A paper application will be available soon. You must meet the income and program guidelines to be eligible. Only children enrolled in a school participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program can qualify through an application. All students attending Berrien Springs Public Schools are eligible to apply.

Step 1: Visit this site: [SOMPortal - MI Bridges](#).

Step 2: Scroll to the bottom of the page for this next step:



Step 3: Again, scroll to the bottom of the page for this next step:



When prompted to add the school your child attends, please note how to search for our schools:

Berrien Springs High School

Berrien Springs Middle School

Sylvester Elementary

Mars Elementary

## **Do the benefits expire?**

The Summer EBT benefit, in its entirety, must be used within 122 days after the issuance date. The issuance date is the date the benefit was added to the card. Regardless of whether they were partially or recently used, after 122 days, the benefit will be expunged. Expunged benefits shall not be reinstated. Suppose a household does not receive its benefits timely (for example, delays with the mail). In that case, MDHHS is not obligated to restart the 122-day expungement timeline when the participant reports receiving the card.

## **More resources on the Summer EBT program**

You can find more information by visiting these resources:

### **Parent Resources:**

- [SEBT Parent FAQ](#)
- [NSLP-SBP Participation List](#)

## **Other Food Resources**

You can find more food assistance resources by visiting these partners:

- [Meet Up and Eat Up Summer Food Service Program](#)
- [Michigan 211](#)
- [MiBridges](#)