Information regarding free summer meals for children 18 and under and the Summer EBT Notice are below.

Free Summer Meals for Children 18 and Under
Free meals are available during the summer to all children 18 and under, regardless of income level. This Illinois State Board of Education program has several Joliet-area sites that offer breakfast, lunch, or both. For more information, call 1-866-348-6479, text SUMMER to 914-342-7744 or visit. HungerFreeAmerica.org.

Rockdale School District will have grab and go breakfasts and lunches available on the following dates and times at the school office window:

Monday, July 27th through Thursday, July 30th between 11:30am - 12:00pm

Monday, August 3rd through Thursday, August 6th between 11:30am - 12:00pm

Monday, August 10th through Thursday, August 14th between 11:30am - 12:00pm

Summer 2026 EBT – SUN Bucks Program Information
What is Summer EBT?
Summer EBT, or SUN Bucks, is a new permanent nutrition program authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to help families buy food for their school-aged children 6-17 years old during the summer. SUN Bucks 2026 will provide a $120 annual benefit to eligible children, via an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) issuance by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), starting at the end of May 2026. More information on the federal program is available on the **Illinois Department of Human Services website. Please note – Rockdale School District 84 does not have or issue EBT debit cards or determine eligibility for this program.**

Is My Child Eligible?
Your child is eligible for SUN Bucks if: Your child was identified as directly certified by the IDHS during the 2025-2026 school year due to participation in SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid (185% of the federal poverty guideline), or was identified as foster, homeless, or migrant and your child attended Rockdale School District 84 that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP). Please check for eligibility by going to the **Summer EBT Portal** and click, **Check if I Should Apply for Summer EBT.**

How do I enroll my child in SUN Bucks?
To be eligible, your child(ren) must be identified as direct certified due to participation in SNAP, TANF, income-eligible Medicaid (185% of the federal poverty guideline), or be identified as foster, homeless, migrant or be approved income eligible by submitting a program application to the IDHS. If you didn't previously qualify during the 2025-2026 school year and believe your household **income is less than 185% of the Federal level**, your child(ren) may be eligible for the Summer EBT/SUN Bucks program. Families should complete the **Application for Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT)**.

Who should I contact if I have a question?
To assist you with basic questions about Summer EBT 2026, households should visit **the IDHS website** and click **FAQ's for Summer EBT 2026** or call the IDHS customer help line at (833) 621-0737.

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1. **mail:**
   U.S. Department of Agriculture
   Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. **fax:**
   (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. **email:**
   Program.Intake@usda.gov

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