

Weekend BackPack Food for Kids Program

BackPack Program Partner Guidelines 2020-2021

Mission

The mission of the Weekend BackPack Food for Kids Program (or “BackPack Program”) is to help solve child hunger in America by providing nutritious and easy to prepare food to children to take home on weekends and school vacations when other resources are not available.

Traditional backpacks include 16 items: 4 entrees, 4 fruit cups, 2 cereals, 2 juices, 2 milks, and 2 snacks. Enough food is provided for 6 simple meals and 2 snacks for one child over the weekend. All items are shelf stable.

Enrollment

This program is new to our district. To enroll your student(s) in the BackPack Program – A new application is required to be completed every year. This program is available for every student in our district. Please return the attached application by Friday, October 23. If you do not return the form it will be assumed that you do not wish to enroll in this program.

Receiving Bags

Bags will be distributed weekly on Thursday.

Contact Information

Should you have any questions regarding this program please feel free to contact the school office at which your child attends, or you can email Heather Anderson at handerson@galatiak12.org.

We are excited to cooperatively offer these meals for our students.

2020-2021 BACKPACK FOOD FOR KIDS APPLICATION

(Please PRINT clearly in black ink only)

Child's Name	Date of Birth mm/dd/yyyy	School	Ethnicity	Verification Box School/Site Use Only
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____	

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Food Allergies: _____

The following must be supplied:

Is this a single parent household? _____ Is this a female headed household? _____

Schools/sites should indicate eligibility status using the verification box above by marking or initialing, and then by signing below.

ONE DOCUMENT from the following list can be used to verify eligibility. Documents used for verification purposes are for school/site records only.

- ♦ Free Meal Program approval from School Authority/CEP
- ♦ Latest income tax statement
- ♦ Notification letter of approval of SSI
- ♦ Food Stamp (SNAP) Certification Letter

Certification: I give the _____ School Corporation and the _____ County Department of Family and Children Services permission to release any and all documents concerning free and reduced meal programs, food stamp program, and SSI certification.

I give the Tri-State Food Bank, Inc., and its member agencies permission to take, use, publish, and copyright my child's name, photo, picture, portrait, and likeness in advertising, news releases, and other printed material. I certify by signing my name that I am the legal parent/guardian of the child for whom application is being made and certify that my family income does not exceed Income Eligibility Guidelines, and that I will use food received for household consumption only, and that I release the Tri-State Food Bank, Inc., the _____ School Corporation, the _____ County Department of Family and Children Services, and any other collaborating agencies participating in the Backpack Food For Kids Program from any and all liabilities resulting from the receipt or consumption of the food received or the information shared. I also certify that all information presented is true and accurate.

Signature (Parent or Guardian)

Date

Verifying Official at School/Site

Date

Return to the secretaries in your child's building or to Valarie Hodges at vlhodges@harrisburg3.org

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