

Backpack Buddies

21 schools served:

1. Fairview
2. Arlington
3. Summit
4. Clear Creek
5. Grandview
6. Highland Park
7. Edgewood Primary
8. Edgewood Intermediate
9. Templeton
10. Binford
11. Rogers
12. Marlin
13. Bloomington South HS
14. Bloomington North HS
15. Project School
16. Harmony School
17. Graduation School
18. University Elementary School
19. Batchelor Middle School
20. Jackson Creek Middle School
21. Tri-North Middle School

A max of 8lbs of food is placed in backpacks to help children and families with weekend food needs.

Backpacks are delivered to schools on Thursday for the weekend.

School social workers identify families and sign them up. CK doesn't know names of families in the program.

Have approximately 400 children/families enrolled in the program in fall semester 2023.

We use volunteers to:

- portion large volumes of things like beans, rolled oats, dried fruit, rice, etc. into smaller family size portions
- pack backpacks for that week's delivery
- load the backpacks in the vans for delivery

Food and financial support are needed for this program. The program costs over \$300,000/year to operate.

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