



2024-2025 BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program Free Weekend Food For Your Child

Distribution will begin on August 30.

The AHS Leadership class offers the BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program to **PreK through Fourth-grade** students **who** qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. This is NOT a government program; grants and donations pay for all food and supplies. Our local Mason's can recycling is a major donor to our program.

If your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to **sign them up by filling out the form below and returning it to the front office. Only one form is needed for all the children in your family**, but include information for each child in the form below. This information is kept confidential.

To be eligible for the distribution, you MUST return the completed free and reduced lunch form and qualify for the free/reduced lunch program.

If there's food in our bags that your family doesn't like or can't use, please do one of the following:

- 1) give to another family; 2) send it back to us; OR
- 3) donate to DOCO Blessings Box or Heart of the Hills Food Pantry.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!

	First Name	Last Name	Teacher	Grade (ONLY PreK- Grade 4)
Child 1				
Child 2				
Child 3				

Please Check One:

_____ I **do not** wish my child(ren) to participate in the BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program. I understand I can enroll them at a later date.

_____ I would like to enroll my child(ren) in the Backpack Program. By signing up, I acknowledge that my child(ren) will begin to receive a weekly bag of food for weekend use. **I grant permission to the Ava R-I School District to share Free and Reduced lunch qualification information with the Backpack Program organizers.**

Please note: Students must bring their backpacks to school on Fridays to receive their food allocation.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____