



**Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network's
Backpack Buddies Program
For Elementary and Preschool Children
In Midland County Schools**

Enrollment Form
for School Year
2023-24

We are aware that it is sometimes difficult to make ends meet and still provide adequate nutrition for a family. The Backpack Buddies program helps to provide nutrition for elementary and preschool children in Midland County public schools. Volunteers distribute packages of food to participating school children in plastic bags on Friday afternoons (or the last day of the school week) to provide meals and snacks for the weekend. Backpack Buddies is available late September 2023 through May 2024.

There is no cost to you or the school to participate in this program, but you must enroll below.

Your children are eligible for this program if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Qualify for the free or reduced school lunch program.
- Living in a household with a Food Stamp FIP case number.
- Living in a household qualifying for WIC assistance.

The Backpack Buddies Program is coordinated by the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) in cooperation with the Food Bank of Easter Michigan (FBEM) and many volunteers in the community.

If you are in need of food assistance beyond this you can receive help through the EFPN network of food pantries by calling 211 or the EFPN number 989-486-9393.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to your school office to have your child participate in the Backpack Buddies Program.

Important: Complete this bottom portion and return to your school office for enrollment

- My family meets at least one of the qualifications listed above and would like to participate in the Backpack Buddies Programs provided by EFPN and FBEM.

Last Name (**required**): _____

Child or Children's Name(s) (**required**): _____

Please select your child's Elementary or Preschool (**required**):

- Adams Elementary
- Bullock Creek Elementary
- Central Park Elementary
- Chestnut Hill Elementary
- Coleman Elementary
- Floyd Elementary
- Meridian Elementary
- Pine River Elementary
- Plymouth Elementary
- Siebert Elementary
- Woodcrest Elementary

Preschools:

- Carpenter Pre-Primary Center
- Coleman Family Center Preschool
- Head Start - Midland
- Kinder Kare Children's Center - James Savage Rd.
- Longview Early Childhood Center
- Meridian Early Childhood Center