



FREE FOOD FOR YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE BROOKINGS BACKPACK PROJECT

The Brookings Backpack Project (BBP) works with school staff to provide a **free supply of meals and snacks** to students who may need an additional food resource over weekends during the school year. The food is given to the children before they leave school each Friday (or, in case of holiday, the last day before the break).

Any child enrolled in the Brookings Public Schools or Brookings Head Start may participate in BBP. There is no eligibility requirement.

If you believe that your child would benefit from this assistance, please register her/him right away. While you may register anytime during the school year, the sooner you do so, the sooner your child may begin to receive food.

To register, simply complete the consent form below and return it to your child's school counselor. If you have more than one child in school, you only have to submit one form, listing all your children and the schools they attend. (A separate form must be completed for children in Head Start and is available from that agency.) This information will be kept confidential.

Once the school receives your consent form, your child's name will be added to the list of students registered for BBP. If BBP has sufficient funds, s/he will soon begin to receive a supply of kid-friendly food at the end of each school week. BBP will serve as many students as possible with the funds we have, beginning with the youngest children (and their siblings), on a first-registered-first-served basis. Any registered student whom we cannot immediately supply with food will be placed on a waiting list and will be served as soon as enough money has been raised.

Please consider letting this terrific program help your family. Questions? Contact your child's school counselor, e-mail coordinatorbbp@gmail.com, visit the BBP Facebook page, or contact us at 605-651-3900.

(Note: This program is not associated with the free/reduced-cost lunch program operated through the Brookings Public Schools.)

Brookings Backpack Project Consent Form

Please register my child(ren) for the Brookings Backpack Project. I understand that if BBP has sufficient funds, my child(ren) will soon start to receive a supply of food at the end of each week for his/her use over the weekend or school holiday.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Today's Date _____

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

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Optional: Please check any box below, according to your interest(s). Understand that by doing so, you waive confidentiality, and the school will share your contact information with BBP.

I may be interested in helping to pack food bags.

I may be interested in serving as a volunteer "family representative" on the BBP management team.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Telephone Number (if any) _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address (if any) _____