

2017 MCPS GIVE BACKpacks FAQ's

How can I make a donation to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign?

- 1.) Donate by check – make payable and mail checks to:
MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1007
Rockville, MD 20849 - 1007
- 2.) Donate online – Visit www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org
- 3.) Donate via text message at 301-329-3328

Can I donate (in-kind) backpacks and school supplies?

- Our campaign is for monetary donations. With every \$10 donation, a student will receive a backpack filled with the following 5 items:
 - Elementary schools:
 - 12-pack of pencils
 - pencil box
 - 24-pack of crayons
 - glue stick
 - composition notebook
 - Secondary schools:
 - 12-pack of pencils
 - 6-pack of pens
 - 1 pack of filler paper
 - 2 packs of dividers
- If an organization wishes to donate backpacks to a school, please have them contact a Partnership Manager at (301) 217-5370 for suggestions.

When is the deadline to donate?

- The GIVE BACKpacks campaign receives and accepts donations all year. If the donation is received after October, it is typically included in the next year's campaign.

How do I learn more about GIVE BACKpacks?

- The GIVE BACKpacks campaign raises funds to purchase backpacks for students who qualify for Free and Reduced - Price Meals (FARMS). **The quantity of backpacks purchased is based solely on the amount of donations received.** Our goal for 2017-2018 is to raise enough funds to purchase 20,000 backpacks with school supplies.
- Visit www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org or call 301-217-5370

Where can students get free backpacks? How are students selected to receive free backpacks and supplies?

- Backpacks with school supplies will be delivered directly to the schools during the week of August 28, 2017. Each school's administrative team decides on the best process to communicate and distribute backpacks to students in need.

How are schools chosen to receive backpacks?

- The number of backpacks and school supplies ordered is based on an estimation of total campaign donations.
- Schools are selected based on the percentage of students who qualify for Free and Reduced - Price Meals. We start with the schools with the highest percentage and work down the list. **This list changes each year based on donations and FARMS percentages.**
- Backpacks are also provided to the International Students Admissions Office.
- Backpacks will also be sent to schools who have a donation specified for their school.

When will schools receive backpacks?

- Backpacks will be delivered to schools during the week of August 28, 2017.

Can I sponsor a school in my neighborhood?

- You can direct your donation to a school of your choice. Please contact the Partnerships Unit at 301-217-5370 for information on sponsorships.

Who does my donation support?

- General donations are directed to the overall campaign to supply backpacks to schools with the highest FARMS percentages unless stated otherwise.