



**Midland County Emergency Food Pantry
Network's Backpack Buddies Program
for Elementary and Preschool Children
in Midland County Public Schools**

Enrollment Form
for School Year
2022-2023

We are aware that it is sometimes difficult to make ends meet and still provide adequate nutrition for a family. Within Midland County, there is a program that helps to provide nutrition for elementary and preschool school children in the public schools. It is the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) Backpack Buddies Program in cooperation with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM). Through this program, packages of food are distributed to elementary and preschool school children in plastic bags on Friday afternoons (or the last day of the school week) to provide meals and snacks for the weekend. This program will be available in early October 2022 through May 2023. **There is no cost to you or the school to participate in this program.**

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.

Please know that if you are in need of food assistance beyond this, you can always receive help through the EFPN network of food pantries by calling 211 or the EFPN number 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. You must return the form in order to be enrolled.

If you do not need this program, but know someone who can use this program, please encourage them to apply.

Thank you!

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

Last Name (**required**): _____

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

Please select your child's elementary or preschool (**required**):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Longview Preschool and Head Start Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bullock Creek Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Meridian Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenter Pre-Primary | <input type="checkbox"/> Midland Head Start Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Park Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine River Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut Hill Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Plymouth Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman Elementary | <input type="checkbox"/> Siebert Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coleman Family Center Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodcrest Elementary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floyd Elementary | |

IMPORTANT: Completed form must be returned to school office for enrollment