

Backpack Program 2025-2026

Parent/Guardian Registration Form

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Maquoketa Valley Schools is partnering with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to provide the Backpack Program to students during the 2025-2026 school year. The program begins in September and will continue throughout the school year.

The Backpack Program is a free program that provides kid-friendly, non-perishable food for students most in need to eat over weekends and breaks when school meals are not available and there may be little or no food to eat. Please carefully consider your family's economic status and determine if this program is something needed by your child(ren). If the Backpack Program is something your family depends upon, please complete the attached registration form. If you can make do without this assistance, please allow this program to be used by others.

Items distributed in the Backpacks are items like cereal, beef sticks, juice, banana chips, pop-top meals, ramen, and granola bars. The food will be distributed to your child at the end of the school day on Friday. **Please explain to your child that the food must not be eaten or opened until they are home.** If this happens, your child may lose the privilege of participating in the program.

Parents and guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware that Backpack Program items may include ingredients such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs and milk. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Maquoketa Valley Schools will not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank strives to include healthy and safe food. All food is labeled and sealed by the manufacturer. **While some products might be past the marked best-by date, we have worked with the manufacturer to ensure they are still safe to consume.** If you open an item and notice a problem, please contact the Northeast Iowa Food Bank immediately.

Sincerely,

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

School your child(ren) attend: _____

Please list children participating in the program.

Name	Grade	Teacher	Any Food Allergies?

By signing this form, I agree to allow my child(ren) to participate in the Backpack Program of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Maquoketa Valley Schools.

I understand that for children with food allergies, Backpack Program items may contain ingredients such as nuts, soy, wheat, eggs and milk. Parents/guardians concerned with food allergies need to be aware of this risk. The Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Maquoketa Valley Schools do not assume any liability for adverse reactions to food consumed.

The Northeast Iowa Food Bank strives to include healthy and safe food. **While some products might be past the marked best-by date, we have worked with the manufacturer to ensure they are still safe to consume.** If you open a package and notice a problem, please contact the Northeast Iowa Food Bank immediately.

To promote and expand the Backpack Program, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank and Maquoketa Valley Schools may wish to use images (but no names) of children who are participating in the Backpack Program in materials that may include (but are not limited to) brochures, newsletters, and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank web site.

- ☐ I grant permission to use images of my child(ren). I understand that my child's name and personal information will not be used in conjunction with any images.
- ☐ I deny permission to use images of my child(ren).

By signing this form, I agree to assume any and all risks associated with my child(ren) participation in the Backpack Program including any adverse reaction my child may have to foods consumed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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