



We are pleased to announce the availability of the “Backpacks-to-Go” program for the 2026-2027 school year. The “Backpacks-to-go” program is organized to benefit children and their families in the Penn Trafford School District. The “Backpacks-to-Go” program is offered district-wide during the school year.

- **The “Backpacks-to-Go” Program** Is made possible through donations from Penn-Trafford staff members, community members, businesses, organizations, and churches in the surrounding area. This program was developed in response to ongoing student needs with no weekend access to the school breakfast and/or lunch program.

Here’s how the “Backpacks-to-Go” Program works:

- Children enrolled in the program, by parent request, will take home a backpack with nutritious food in a safe, easy, and discreet manner on the designated Fridays. The food items and included menu suggestions may be used for breakfast, lunch and dinner for Saturday and Sunday. Parents may also choose to pick up a food box once a month (with equivalent of two backpacks worth of food) instead of students receiving a backpack.
- The students will return the backpacks on Monday morning to be refilled for the next designated Friday. We will be offering the “Backpacks-to-Go” program on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month with adjustments made for holidays or the school calendar.
- **If you feel that your child could benefit from receiving a backpack or box as described above during the 2026-2027 school year, please contact Mrs. Lauren Traill, Elementary School Counselor. Mrs. Traill can be reached via email at trailll@penntrafford.org or via phone at 724-744-2161 or 724-864-6700. Enrollment in the “Backpacks-to-Go” Program is open all school year.**

How can you support the “Backpack-to-Go” Program to help our students?

- Contact Mrs. Traill if you are interested in making a gift card donation, food donation, or backpack donation to the program. Gift cards to Sam’s Club, Walmart, and Giant Eagle are appreciated.
- Food items needed: peanut butter (no larger than 16 oz. plastic jar), grape jelly (squeezable plastic container), small boxes of cereal, instant oatmeal single serving packets, single-serving mac and cheese, boxes of mac and cheese, any single serving pastas in plastic, microwave containers, Chef Boyardee Pasta in easy-open cans: no larger than 15 oz., single-serving cup of noodles, chunky soup in easy open can, single-serving pudding cups (not needing refrigeration), single-serving fruit cups, single-serving mandarin oranges or apple sauce, granola bars, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, gummy fruit snacks, microwavable popcorn, snack crackers: small 6 cracker size, juice boxes
- If you would like to make a monetary donation (donations are tax deductible), you can donate through paypal at https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=79FHKVHRRUCUD4 or please make checks payable to Penn-Trafford School District **(and write backpacks-to-go program on the memo line)** and send to:

Penn-Trafford School District
c/o Megan Massarelli
1100 Randall Court
Export, PA 15632

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!