

Dundee Community Schools
BACKPACK BRIGADE

The Dundee Backpack Brigade exists to provide a supplemental food source on weekends for children in need throughout the Dundee Community School District.

Each week volunteers fill backpacks with practical kid friendly foods; including canned fruit and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, soup, and shelf-stable milk and juice. Those backpacks are delivered to the students on Fridays during the school year. The students return the backpacks to their teachers their first day back, to be picked up and refilled for the following weekend.

Programs like ours have been shown to increase attendance, decrease behavior problems, improve concentration abilities and improve academic achievement.

Due to homelessness, financial struggles and an array of other issues prevalent today, food provided at school often makes up the most nutritious meals children will receive all day. For some, those meals may be the only ones they will receive that day.

Teachers are increasingly concerned at the growing number of students arriving at school each Monday morning, hungry. This is where we come in.

The Dundee Backpack Brigade exists to address this issue by providing every student with essential supplies to have a successful education.

If you have any questions, please email rachel.palmer@dundeeschools.org

