



## BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program

### Free Weekend Food For Your Child

This form may be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/AESbackpack>

The AHS Leadership class offers the BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program to **PreK through Fourth-grade** students **who** qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. This is NOT a government program; donations pay for all food and supplies.

If your child could benefit from this program, we encourage you to **sign them up by filling out the form below and returning it to the front office. Only one form is needed for all the children in your family, but include information for each child in the form below.** This information is kept confidential.

**To be eligible for the distribution, you MUST return the completed free and reduced lunch form and qualify for the free/reduced lunch program.**

*If there's food in our bags that your family doesn't like or can't use, please do one of the following:*

- 1) give to another family; 2) send it back to us; OR
- 3) donate to DOCO Blessings Box or Heart of the Hills Food Pantry.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!**

	First Name	Last Name	Teacher	Grade ( ONLY PreK- Grade 4)
Child 1				
Child 2				
Child 3				

**Please Check One:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I **do not** wish my child(ren) to participate in the BEAR Necessities: Backpack Program. I understand I can enroll them at a later date.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please sign my child(ren) up for the Backpack Program. I understand my child(ren) will soon start receiving a bag of food at the end of each week for **his/her use over the weekend. I understand I am giving the Ava R-I School District to share qualification information with the Backpack Program. Students MUST have their backpacks at school on Friday to receive the food.**

**IMPORTANT:** I understand these items are meant to be used at home over the weekend when school lunches are unavailable. If students/parents are reported wasting, eating, or sharing items with others in the after-school daycare, on the bus, or on school grounds, they **may lose** their privilege of receiving the food.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_