



BackpackBuddy

a houston**food**bank program

Many children rely on school meals for breakfast and lunch during the week but go home to little or no meals on the weekends. Houston Food Bank's Backpack Buddy program works to fill the weekend gap for chronically hungry children by providing nutritious, child-friendly food for children to take home over the weekend during the school year and during summer.



1 in 4 children

in Houston Food Bank's 18-county service area is food-insecure



210,000+ backpacks

to be distributed to kids through the Backpack Buddy program in Fiscal Year '27 (July 2026 - June 2027)



6,000 children

to access nutritious food when school meals are unavailable



200+ schools

and community sites to distribute backpacks



A gift of \$200

ensures a child has weekend food support for an entire academic year

If you are interested in receiving a bag, please contact your local school for participation.