

MCPS GIVE BACKpacks FAQs

How can I donate to the GIVE BACKpacks campaign?

- 1) Donate by check – make payable to, and mail check to:
MCPS Educational Foundation, Inc.
P.O. Box 1007
Rockville, MD 20849 – 1007
 - Indicate in the memo line the donation is for the MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign; and, if for a specific school, note the school as well. Also call the Partnerships Unit, 240-740-5599, when donating to a specific school.
- 2) Donate online – Visit www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org
- 3) Donate via text message:
 - Text 'Backpack' to 301-329-2238
 - A reply will ask, "How much would you like to give?"
 - Enter your donation amount (minimum of \$10 is required)
 - Respond to the reply, "Would you like this gift to be recurring? Enter yes or no"
 - Enter your credit/debit card and billing information, and you're done!

Can I sponsor a school in my neighborhood?

- You can direct your donation to a school of your choice.
- Please contact the Partnerships Unit at 240-740-5599 for information on sponsorships.

Can I donate (in-kind) backpacks and school supplies?

- Our campaign is for monetary donations. With every \$10 donation, a student will receive virtual learning supplies. A decision as to the specific supplies going into the backpacks will be based on incoming donation amounts. Supplies could include the following:
 - Elementary schools:
 - 12-pack of pencils
 - pencil box
 - 24-pack of crayons
 - glue stick
 - composition notebook
 - whiteboard
 - dry erase markers
 - scissors
 - Secondary schools:
 - 12-pack of pencils
 - 6-pack of black pens
 - 1 pack of filler paper – 100 sheets, wide-rule
 - 2 packs of 3-ring dividers – 5 tabs
- If an organization wishes to donate supplies to a school, please have them contact the Partnerships Unit at 240-740-5599 for suggestions.

When is the deadline to donate?

- The GIVE BACKpacks campaign receives and accepts donations all year. If the donation is received after October, it is typically included in the following year's campaign.

How do I learn more about the MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign?

- The MCPS GIVE BACKpacks campaign raises funds to purchase virtual learning supplies for students who qualify for Free and Reduced - Price Meals (FARMS). The quantity of supplies purchased is based solely on the amount of donations received. Our goal for the 2020-2021 school year is to raise enough funds to purchase school supplies for 20,000 students. Our ideal goal is to purchase enough to reach all 60,000 FARMS students.
- Visit www.mcpsgivebackpacks.org or call 240-740-5599.

Where can students get free supplies? How are students selected to receive the supplies?

- School supplies will be delivered directly to the school. Each school's administrative team decides on the best process to communicate and distribute the supplies to students in need.

How are schools chosen to receive the school supplies?

- The number of school supplies ordered is based on an estimation of total campaign donations.
- Schools are selected based on the percentage of students who qualify for Free and Reduced- Priced Meals (FARMS). We start with the schools with the highest percentage and work down the list. This list changes each year based on donations and FARMS percentages.
- Supplies also are provided to the International Students Admissions Office.
- Supplies will also be sent to schools who have a donation specified for their school.

When will schools receive supplies?

- Supplies will be delivered to schools when it is appropriate and safe.

Who does my donation support?

- General donations are directed to the overall campaign to provide supplies to schools with the highest FARMS percentages, unless stated otherwise.

