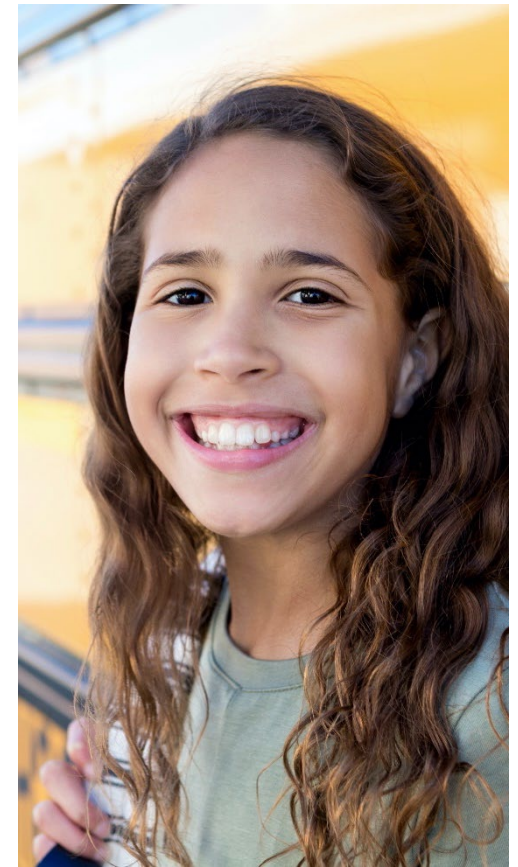


Snacks for Bellevue Students

With Bellevue LifeSpring:

Fostering stability and self-sufficiency for Bellevue's children and their families through programs that provide food, clothing, education, and emergency assistance.

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Helping Bellevue's Children and
Their Families For Over 100 Years

How Bellevue LifeSpring supports Bellevue kids:





The Impact of Snacks

- It's hard to focus on an empty stomach. Snacks during school help students have a successful day of learning.
- Snacks are an important resource for students that don't get breakfast at home or need a snack at after-school programs.
- **3,942 Bellevue students** are experiencing food insecurity, and **452 Bellevue students** are experiencing homelessness.

Snack Wishlist

- Fruit and/or veggie sauce packs
- Dried fruit
- Fruit snacks
- Goldfish crackers
- Instant oatmeal
- Popcorn
- Pretzels
- Snack bars (granola, cereal, etc.) *For granola bars, recommended nut-free brands are 88 Acres or Made Good*
- Sunflower seeds
- Fruit cups
- GoGo Squeeze
- Pirate's Booty
- Chomps (meat sticks)



Organize a Drive

- **Gather and Collect:** Create a plan with your family or friends to purchase or collect snack items for students.
 - *Don't forget to spread the word!* Sharing with others that you are hosting a snack drive is a great way to gather donations, boost energy surrounding your event or even inspire others to follow in your footsteps. You can use social media, email, or create flyers to pass out or hang at local businesses.

How To Package Snacks

- Remove all individually packaged snacks from their original boxes/containers and combine them in a shallow box.
 - [View the suggested box size.](#)
 - Please note that other-size boxes will be accepted if needed, but in the interest of storage at the schools and access to the snack items, we ask that you please avoid large or deep boxes.
- Using a sharpie, label the outside of the new box with each type of snack included and the quantity of each.
- Adding cardboard dividers or other materials to organize and separate snacks within the box is optional but a welcome addition.

Coordinate Your Delivery

- Once your snack packs are assembled and ready for delivery, simply connect with Kris at Kris@BellevueLifeSpring.org to confirm delivery details to a specific Bellevue school location(s).
- Bellevue LifeSpring works closely with the Bellevue School District to ensure deliveries are directed to the schools most in need of snack pack supplies, so the location is constantly changing.

Connect With Us

- Documenting your snack pack drive is a great way to spread awareness about the need here in Bellevue. Take pictures or videos and share them on social media – don't forget to tag us @bellevuelifespring!

FAQS

- Is there a minimum or maximum number of snacks needed per delivery?

There is no set number of snacks. Any amount of snacks packed will be used and appreciated.

- Are there any other restrictions on the type of snacks accepted?

Bellevue School District is unable to accept perishable items, such as fresh fruit or items that need to be refrigerated. The district also kindly requests that you avoid "treat" type snacks, such as candy or high-sugar items.

- Do snacks need to be nut-free?

Yes, all snacks must be nut-free.

- Are drinks needed?

Yes, water and juice boxes are welcome.

FAQS

- **Are breakfast items needed?**

Breakfast items are also welcome but not as high a priority as lunch or after-school themed snacks.

- **Why are snacks provided in bulk versus individual bags?**

Bulk packaging and sorting of snacks allow school staff to pull individual snacks from a central supply box to hand out to students individually or to distribute to teachers directly in the classroom. This distribution method allows for better organization and more efficient snack supply inventory tracking. It also allows Bellevue School District staff to better control snack distribution based on student dietary restrictions.

We're here to help.

Questions? Reach out to Kris at Kris@BellevueLifeSpring.org.