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Our Mission

To break the cycle of poverty for children and students in our community and provide them with the resources they need to reach stability.

Bellevue LifeSpring Programs



Breaktime-Mealtime™

Provides grocery store food vouchers to replace school meals when schools are on breaks and for emergency food security needs throughout the year, preventing hunger and providing nourishment.



Emergency Assistance

Supports families with rent assistance, first month's rent payment, and financial aid to prevent eviction during their time of need, providing stability and preventing homelessness.



Clothes-4-Kids™

Provides students with the opportunity to select back-to-school clothing of their choice from local merchants, so they return to the classroom feeling confident and self-assured.



Holiday Giving

Provides holiday gifts and food support for children and families in need, making their holiday season happy, healthy, and bright.

Bellevue Family Hubs



As part of our work to address the rising need in our community, we operate two **Bellevue Family Hub resource centers** in partnership with the Bellevue School District.

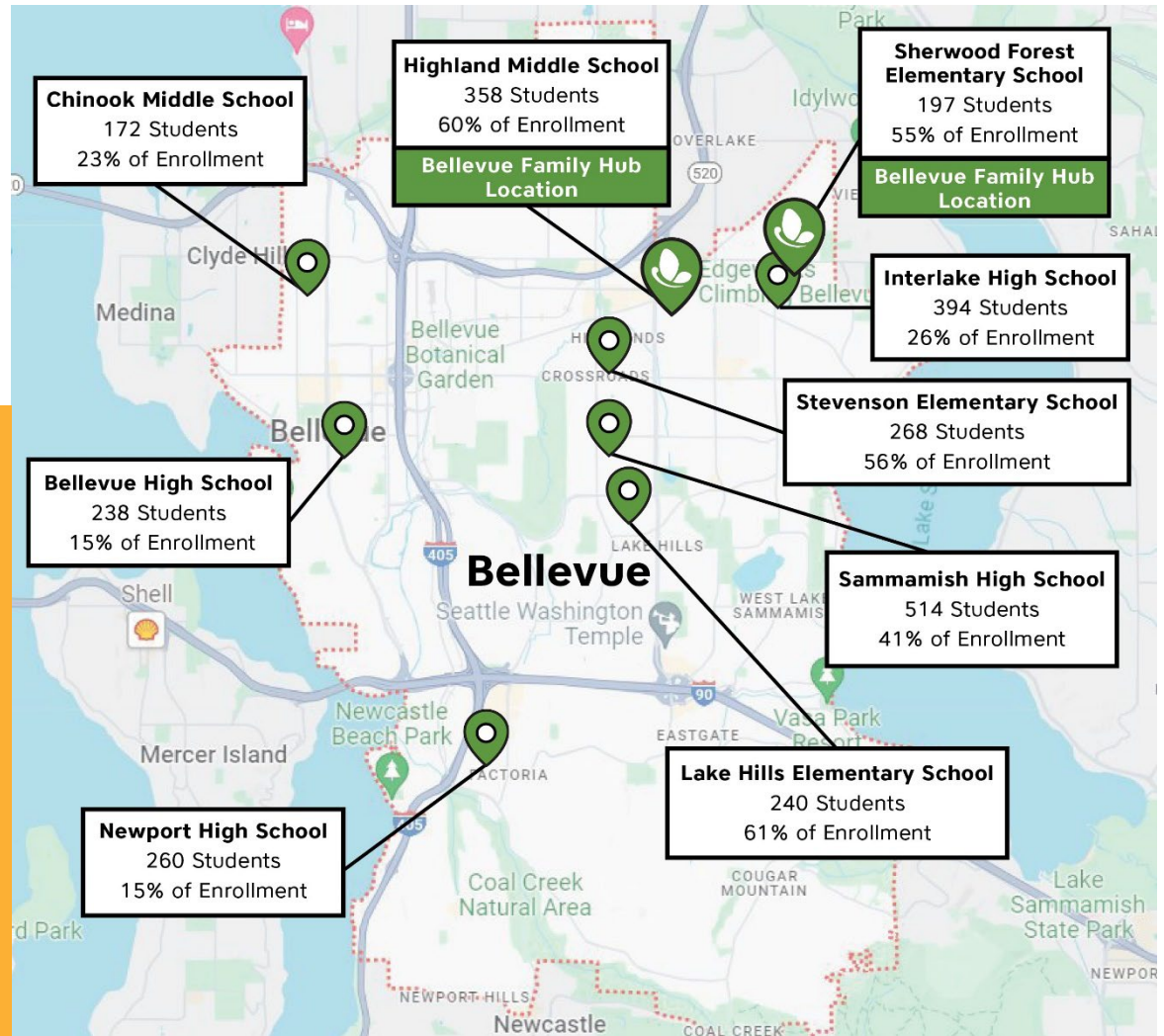
Our onsite Family Support Administrators provide in-person, one-on-one, bilingual support for families during their time of need.

The Hubs are located directly in two Bellevue schools:

- Sherwood Forest Elementary School
- Highland Middle School

The Bellevue School District schools with the highest number of students experiencing food insecurity →

All 28 Bellevue School District Schools have students enrolled who are experiencing poverty.



Snack Packs for Students



Snacks make a difference for Bellevue kids experiencing food insecurity.

It's hard to focus on an empty stomach. **One in four Bellevue School District students is from a low-income household and is** registered on the free and reduced-price meal program at their school. More than **708 students are** experiencing homelessness.

Snack packs are an important resource for children who do not get breakfast at home or just need a nutrition boost throughout the school day, after school, or when their family visits one of our Bellevue Family Hubs.

How it works

Community members, like you, invite coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends to donate snacks and pack them together to deliver directly to Bellevue Schools and our two Bellevue Family Hubs.

Once donated and delivered, the snack packs are kept on hand for any Bellevue student who may have missed breakfast or needs a nutrition boost.

Each snack pack should include **two snacks** that are enclosed in a **small brown paper bag**.



Snack Wishlist

Collect and pair **two different snack items** to create a Crunch & Munch Pack or a Fruit & Veggie Pack.

Crunch & Munch Pack

- Mini pretzels OR Goldfish crackers
- Nut-free granola bar, like 88 Acres bars or Made Good bars
- Chomps Meats Stick



Fruit & Veggie Pack

- Fruit and/or vegetable pouch, like GoGo SqueeZ pouches
- Fruit cup OR fruit snacks



How it works continued

Snack combo examples are:

- Crunch & Munch Pack 1: Pretzels and a nut-free granola bar
- Crunch & Munch Pack 2: Goldfish and a Chomps Meat Stick
- Fruit & Veggie Pack 1: Fruit/vegetable pouch and a fruit cup
- Fruit & Veggie Pack 2: Fruit/vegetable pouch and fruit snacks

Personal notes of encouragement and positivity for students are welcome. Please do not place the notes in the packs before donation and delivery. Notes should be packaged separately from the snack packs.

If you or your group decides to make both types of snack pack options, please group them separately and include a label that distinguishes the two boxes upon delivery.

Coordinate your delivery

Once your snack packs are assembled and ready to be donated, contact **Bellevue LifeSpring Team Member Gannon Oberhauser at Gannon@BellevueLifeSpring.org** to set up delivery details to a Bellevue School District 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. The school locations for delivery change frequently.

Share your snack story

Documenting and sharing your snack pack donation process is a great way to spread awareness and inspire others.

Please share your photos or videos with us, tag us, and follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn at [@bellevuelifspring](#).

FAQs

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

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?

The 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.

Why are there two items per snack pack?

It gives students more personal choice, is easier to store, and helps ensure that snacks being handed out to students meet all necessary allergen requirements.

Why do personal notes have to be provided separately and are no longer included inside the bags?

Having the personal notes donated separately from the snacks allows school staff to hand them out beyond just snack distribution. Which means they can use them anytime to provide positive encouragement for students.



We're here to help

Questions about your donation?

Reach out to Bellevue LifeSpring
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Stay connected

Join our newsletter list and stay up-to-date on your impact, opportunities to stay involved, and community news.



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