

Which program is best for your students?

	BackPack Program	School Pantry Program
Focus	Weekend food for students	Emerging needs of students
Distribution to students	Weekly	As needed (emergency, regularly, episodically)
Foods offered	Predominately non-perishables	Mix: non-perishable, frozen, refrigerated
Fresh produce/bread	Based on pickup/delivery schedule	Available with every order
Choice for students	Minimal	Yes
Milk/egg cards available (Stewart's)	Yes	Yes
Food packing	Prepacked by school staff	Packed as students make selection
Food distribution location	Discrete location (nurse's office, deliver to cubbies, etc.)	School Pantry space
Permission from parents	Opt Out letter sent home	Not required
Food Choices, Ordering	Food Bank staff coordinate	School staff coordinate, submit order

Both programs require the following:

- Orientation training (45 min), and completed onboarding documentation
- Secure food storage location
- Point person at the school
- Transportation capacity to pickup food at Distribution Centers or Regional Food Bank centralized delivery location
- One hour site visit at program initiation to troubleshoot, offer support

Interested? Have questions?

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