

Tools for School Success

Providing school supplies to students of Wilder families



Wilder's annual Tools for School Success Drive addresses equity in our community by providing students the supplies they need to be successful. Backpacks and after-school snacks for the students of Wilder's families supports parents, removes barriers, and helps young people have what they need to be prepared for school.

Questions?

Email advancement@wilder.org for more information about how to participate. We welcome partnerships with businesses, organizations and families that want to support our mission.

Backpack Drive

Step 1: Buy supplies and backpacks.

All supplies and backpacks should be new. Backpacks and supplies are needed for elementary, middle, and high school students.

Step 2: Fill backpacks with supplies at home or at the office.

Whether you fill one backpack or 100, know that you are helping students start the school year with supplies they need to succeed in the classroom.

Step 3: Schedule an appointment to drop your filled backpacks.

Backpacks will be accepted July 29 - August 15, 2025. A Wilder staff member will meet you in the Wilder Center lobby to accept your donations. To sign up for a drop off time slot, please email **advancement@wilder.org**.

Elementary School Shopping List

1 backpack (no wheels)

4 wide-rule note books

4 two-pocket folders

1 box of crayons (24 count)

1 box markers (10 count)

1 box of colored pencils (12 count)

1 box of pencils

1 bag of pens (black or blue)

1 pair of kids scissors (blunt edge)

6 glue sticks

1 pencil pouch

Middle and High School Shopping List

1 backpack (no wheels)

4 college ruled 1 subject notebooks

4 two-pocket folders

1 package of pens (blue or black)

1 box of pencils

1 pencil pouch

1 highlighter

1 box of colored pencils (12 count)

Snack Pack Drive

Step 1: Buy snacks.

Step 2: Pack your snack items into a 1-gallon zipper-top bag.

Place all items into a gallon-size zip top plastic bag, remove the air from the bag, and seal. Avoid snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter, snacks with foil lids, water bottles, and glass containers.

Step 3: Schedule an appointment to drop your filled backpacks.

Snack packs will be accepted July 29 - August 15, 2025. A Wilder staff member will meet you in the Wilder Center lobby to accept your donations. To sign up for a drop off time slot, please email advancement@wilder.org.

Each snack pack should contain

1 container of single-serve macaroni and cheese (Kraft Easy Mac, Velveeta, Annie's)

1 fruit cup (diced peaches, mandarin oranges)

2 applesauce pouches (Go-Go Squeeze, Motts, Kirkland brands)

1 bag of single-serve crackers (Cheeze-it, Goldfish, pretzels)

1 granola bar (Quaker Chewy, Z-Bars, Annie's Chewy bars)