



2018 Back to School Resource Guide

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Athens County Children Services “Back to School” Events

Athens County Children Services provides back to school parties/events for children enrolled in local schools. These fun and helpful events feature food, games, and school supply giveaways for school-age children in their respective districts. Contact Children Services at 740-592-3061 for additional details. The Back to School Events are sponsored by the School Outreach Program and partnering agencies. Locations and dates for the events are as follows:

<p><u>Alexander Back to School Give Away and Open House</u> Date: Tue, August 21 (Grades K - 5) Time: 5 pm community dinner; 5:30 pm-7 pm open house Location: Alexander Elementary School</p>	<p><u>Athens City Schools Back to School Open House</u> Date: Mon, August 27 (Grades K - 6) Time: 4 pm to 6 pm Location: The Plains Elementary School</p>
<p><u>Federal Hocking Pay It Forward/Back to School Event</u> Date: Mon, August 13 (Grades K - 12) Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm Location: Federal Hocking High School</p>	<p><u>Trimble Back to School Supply Party</u> Date: Tue, August 7 (Grades Preschool - 8) Time: 4 pm to 6:30 pm Location: Trimble Elementary School</p>
<p><u>Nelsonville-York Back to School Open House</u> Date: Thu, August 16 (Grades K - 6) Time: 4 pm-5:30 pm Location: Nelsonville-York Elementary School</p>	

School Supply and Clothing Giveaways

<p><u>AFSCME Local 1252</u> ----- Completed ----- Date/Time: 7/28/2018 10 am until supplies run out Location: parking lot of Athens Cancer Center, Castrop Center, OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, Athens Description: Free school supply giveaway to local school children who need help affording new school supplies.</p>	<p><u>Friends and Neighbors Community Center Backpack and School Supply Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Tue, Wed, Fri 10 am – 4 pm throughout the year Location: 24576 Parkersburg Road, Coolville, OH 45723 Description: Provides free backpacks and school supplies to students in Federal Hocking and Eastern Local School Districts. Clothing is also available for people in need. For more information: 740-667-0684 Eligibility: Students of Federal Hocking and Eastern Local School Districts</p>
<p><u>Airline Church of Christ - Operation Backpack</u> Location: 4477 Route 681, Albany Description: Families in need may call to register for free school supply giveaway. For more information: 740-698-7041</p>	<p><u>Nelsonville Wesleyan Church</u> ----- Completed ----- <u>Christmas in July Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Sat, July 14 at 10 am – 2 pm Location: 600 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764 Description: Free clothing, school supply, and personal grooming supply giveaway. For more information: 740-753-1307</p>
<p><u>The Loft Hair & Spa Salon Back to School Hair Cuts</u> Date/Time: Sun, August 19 at 12 noon-4 pm Location: 101 South Shafer St, Athens Description: Free kids hair cuts K-12. Come with fresh washed hair. No appointment needed. For more information: Call 740-447-5053 or visit https://www.facebook.com/thelofthairandspa/.</p>	



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Additional Resources – Thrift Stores

Thrift stores sell secondhand and donated goods at a reduced price. School supplies, backpacks, and clothing may be available at the following locations (stock changes frequently). Call ahead for more information or to ask about current stock.

<p><u>Athens ReUse Thrift Store</u> Address: 100 North Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 am – 5 pm; Sun, 12 noon-5 pm For more information: 740-594-5103</p>	<p><u>Little Blessings Thrift Store (Faith Believers Ministry)</u> Address: 8070 State Route 356, New Marshfield, OH 45766 Hours: Mon & Thu, 9 am – 12 noon For more information: 740-664-3508</p>
<p><u>Federal Valley Resource Center</u> Address: 8225 State Route 329, Stewart, OH 45778 Hours: Thu-Sat 10 am – 3 pm; call to verify open For more information: 740-662-5605</p>	<p><u>New to You Shoppe</u> Address: 90 Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 6 pm For more information: 740-592-1842</p>

Donation Opportunities

<p><u>Airline Church of Christ</u> Description: Accepts new backpacks, school supplies, or money for purchasing school supplies and backpacks. Drop-Off Locations: Call Minister Willard Love at 740-698-7041 for more information.</p>	<p><u>Unified Bank Nelsonville</u> Date/Time: M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm; Sa 8:30am-Noon Location: 873 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville Description: School supply donations accepted mid July until school starts. For information: 740-753-4313</p>
<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> Description: Athens County Children Services accepts donations of new school supplies or money to buy school supplies. Some school supply lists are available on school websites. Drop-Off Locations: Call 740-592-3061 for information.</p>	<p><u>Friends and Neighbors Community Center</u> Description: Accepts backpack and school supply donations as well as clothing donations and money. Drop-Off Locations: Call 740-667-0684 for information.</p>
<p><u>Unified Bank Amesville</u> Date/Time: MTuWF 8:30am-3 pm; Th 8:30am-Noon Location: 25 State Street, Amesville Description: School supply donations accepted from mid July until school starts. For information: 740-448-2212</p>	<p><u>Hopewell Health Centers (REACH Program)</u> Description: Accepts school supply donations and other items for area youth who are part of the REACH program through Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. Drop-Off Locations: To arrange donations 740-753-9656</p>
<p><u>Unified Bank Glouster</u> Date/Time: MTuWF 8:30am-4:30pm; ThSa 8:30am-Noon Location: 88 High Street, Glouster Description: School supply donations accepted mid July until school starts. For information: 740-767-3121</p>	<p><u>Wendys Restaurants</u> Date/Time: Through July 31, 2018 during open hours Locations: Boxes in Wendys on East State Street, Court Street or Richland Avenue in Athens Description: Accepts new tennis shoes for Lace Up For Kids Program with Athens County Children Services. For more information: Visit an area Wendys Restaurant</p>

Volunteer Opportunities

<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> Date: Varies Time: Varies Location: Varies Description: <i>Back to School</i> events include set up, work supply stations, take individual kids “shopping” for supplies, and help with clean up. <i>Foster Parent Training Child Care</i> includes hanging out with children in foster care. Toys, games, and crafts provided. Weather permitting, outdoor play will be available. <i>Kids Day at the Athens County Fair</i> needs volunteers to help run games and activities. For more information: Call 740-592-3061</p>
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School Start Days for Students

<u>School District</u>	<u>2018-2019 Student Start Date</u>	<u>School Web Site</u>
Alexander Local Schools	Thu, August 23, 2018	www.alexanderschools.org
Athens City Schools	Tue, August 28, 2018	www.athenscsd.org
Federal Hocking Local Schools	Wed, August 22, 2018	www.fedhock.com
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Mon, August 20, 2018	www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us
Trimble Local Schools	Wed, August 15, 2018	www.trimble.k12.oh.us

Ohio Tax Holiday on School Supplies

----- Completed -----

Am.Sub. H.B. 49 enacted a sales tax holiday in Ohio to occur beginning Friday, August 3, 2018 at 12 am and ending Sunday, August 5, 2018 at 11:59 pm. Items that are exempt from sales and use tax include clothing priced at \$75 per item or less, school supplies priced at \$20 per item or less, and school instructional material priced at \$20 per item or less. Items used in a trade or business are not exempt under the sales tax holiday. For more information, call 800-304-3211 (TTY: 800-750-0750) or visit www.tax.ohio.gov/sales_and_use/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx.