

Dear Central Lyon School District Families:

This year we will continue the Back Pack Program. This is a special program that requires the return of the permission slip shown below. If your child received a backpack during the 2023-2024 school year, **YOU WILL STILL NEED TO RETURN A PERMISSION SLIP PRIOR TO RECEIVING A BACKPACK FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!** **The 2024-2025 Back Pack Program will begin on Thursday, September 19 for students in Transitional Kindergarten and on Friday, September 20 for students in grades PS-12.**

At the end of each week, your child will be given a backpack of nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods for the weekend helping your family stretch its food buying dollar. This program has already started and will continue until the end of the school year, the bags will be discreetly distributed on Fridays by the end of the school day (or by the last day of school for your child each week). **There are only two requirements that you must meet in order for your child to receive the bags:**

- 1. You must complete the permission slip below and return it!**
2. Your family's yearly income must be equal to or below the guidelines listed below.

| <b>Household Size</b> | <b>Yearly</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1                     | 27,861        |
| 2                     | 37,814        |
| 3                     | 47,767        |
| 4                     | 57,720        |

For each additional person please add \$9,953

**The program is highly confidential!** The Central Lyon Back Pack Program will not know which children receive the bags. They will simply provide the bags of food to your child's teacher and he or she will distribute the bags. If you would like your child to participate, please sign and return the permission slip below as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may call Jessica Harman at 472-2664.

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I give my child/children (please list name(s) below), permission to participate in the "BackPack Program."

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*If you have more than three children that will participate in the program, please print their name and grade on the back.

I understand the bags will be distributed as discreetly as possible and that I can stop my family's participation in the program at any time by contacting Jessica Harman and certify that my family's income is within the guidelines stated.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE RETURN ASAP**