



Student Needs

Sit down with your principal and ask about student needs.

Here are some you may find:

Since the pandemic, there are many more students in need of food on the weekends (Backpack Buddies).

Elementary schools need extra clothes: underwear, socks, pants, shirts for students who have accidents.

There are children who do not have shoes to wear: shoes are too small or falling apart; tennis shoes are needed for PE. (This includes middle and high school.)

Hygiene items are needed: shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Families in poverty may need laundry detergent to clean the few clothes they have.

Many students need coats or jackets when the weather gets cooler.

There is an extra need for food for families over long weekends, holidays, or school closures.

Books are needed for elementary students to read at home over breaks and the summer.

Feminine products are needed for middle and high school girls. These are not covered by EBT cards.

"Hot spots" are needed for families without internet access.

School supplies are needed, especially in December/January when back-to-school supplies are gone.

Serving Teachers/Staff

Ask your administrator how you can assist them in serving their staff. Here are ideas from some of our church partnerships:

- Write personal notes of encouragement.
- Provide a basket of snacks and a note of appreciation for the teacher workroom.
- Provide breakfast (donuts or bagels and coffee) periodically.
- Enlist small groups to provide monthly snacks for after-school faculty meetings.
- Celebrate teacher birthdays throughout the year.
- "Adopt" first year teachers and help them get needed classroom supplies and encourage them throughout the year.
- Create gift bags for all teachers at the beginning of the year, Christmas, or Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Have a school supply drive for the teachers. Ask about the specific needs.
- Purchase playground equipment for recess.
- Put up an angel tree with all staff names and have church members send notes and treats throughout the year.
- Ask if there is a time that providing a teacher meal would be helpful.
- Consider hosting a special Christmas lunch or dinner for teachers/faculty.
- Serve as a volunteer to help in the office, library, or anywhere needed.
- Be sure to encourage other staff: nurses, custodians, food service providers, social workers, and bus drivers.
- Pray for our teachers, administrators, and support staff!