



## 2016 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><b><u>Alexander Back to School Party</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> Tue, August 16 (Grades 1 - 5)  <b>Time:</b> 5 pm to 7 pm  <b>Location:</b> Alexander Elementary School</p>	<p><b><u>The Plains Back to School Party</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> Tue, August 16 (Grades K - 6)  <b>Time:</b> 4 pm to 6 pm  <b>Location:</b> The Plains Elementary School</p>
<p><b><u>Federal Hocking Back to School Party</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> Tue, August 16 (Grades Preschool - 12 )  <b>Time:</b> 4 pm to 6 pm  <b>Location:</b> Federal Hocking Middle School/High School</p>	<p><b><u>Trimble Back to School Party</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> Wed, August 10 (Grades Preschool - 8)  <b>Time:</b> 5 pm to 7 pm  <b>Location:</b> Trimble High School</p>
<p><b><u>Nelsonville-York Back to School Party</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> TBA  <b>Time:</b> TBA  <b>Location:</b> TBA</p>	

### School Supply and Clothing Giveaways

<p><b><u>AFSCME Local 1252</u></b>  <b>Date/Time:</b> Sat, 8/6/2016 12 noon until supplies run out  <b>Location:</b> parking lot of Athens Cancer Center, Castrop Center, OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, Athens, OH 45701  <b>Description:</b> Free school supply giveaway to children.</p>	<p><b><u>Jason Reed Foundation School Backpack Giveaway</u></b>  <b>Date/Time:</b> Sat, July 30, 2016 at 10 am – 12 noon  <b>Locations:</b> <i>Athens</i> – 20 University Estates Boulevard  <i>Glouster</i> – Trimble High School  <i>Nelsonville</i> – Public Square  <b>Description:</b> Free backpack and school supply giveaway.  <b>Eligibility:</b> All children must be accompanied by parent.  <b>For more information:</b> <a href="mailto:jreedfoundation@gmail.com">jreedfoundation@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b><u>Airline Church of Christ - Operation Backpack</u></b>  <b>Date/Time:</b> Start 7/11/16 - arrange for pickup appointment  <b>Location:</b> 4477 Route 681, Albany, OH 45710  <b>Description:</b> Register for free school supply giveaway.  <b>For more information:</b> 740-698-7041</p>	
<p><b><u>Athens County Children Services - Lace Up For Kids</u></b>  <b>Date:</b> Apply July 6-24 Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm  <b>Location:</b> Athens County Children Services  <b>Description:</b> Contact the assigned ACCS caseworker or school outreach worker to apply for tennis shoes for children ages 5-14.  <b>For more information:</b> Call 740-592-3061.</p>	<p><b><u>Nelsonville Wesleyan Church Christmas in July Giveaway</u></b>  <b>Date/Time:</b> Sat, July 9 at 10 am – 2 pm  <b>Location:</b> 600 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764  <b>Description:</b> Free clothing and school supply giveaway.  <b>For more information:</b> 740-753-1307</p>

### School Start Days for Students

School District	2016-2017 Student Start Date	School Web Site
Alexander Local Schools	Thu, August 18, 2016	<a href="http://www.alexanderschools.org">www.alexanderschools.org</a>
Athens City Schools	Wed, August 17, 2016	<a href="http://www.athenscsd.org">www.athenscsd.org</a>
Federal Hocking Local Schools	Wed, August 24, 2016	<a href="http://www.fedhock.com">www.fedhock.com</a>
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Wed, August 24, 2016	<a href="http://www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us">www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us</a>
Trimble Local Schools	Wed, August 17, 2016	<a href="http://www.trimble.k12.oh.us">www.trimble.k12.oh.us</a>



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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.

<b><u>Athens ReUse Thrift Store</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 100 North Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 <b>Hours:</b> Mon-Sat, 9 am – 6 pm <b>For more information:</b> 740-594-5103	<b><u>Little Blessings Thrift Store (Faith Believers Ministry)</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 8070 State Route 356, New Marshfield, OH 45766 <b>Hours:</b> Mon & Thu, 9 am – 2 pm <b>For more information:</b> 740-664-3508
<b><u>Federal Valley Resource Center</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 8191 State Route 329, Stewart, OH 45778 <b>Hours:</b> Thu-Sat 10 am – 3 pm; call to verify open <b>For more information:</b> 740-662-5605	<b><u>Mother Earth Community Thrift</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 5 North Shafer Street, Athens, OH 45701 <b>Hours:</b> Mon-Fri 10 am – 6 pm; Sat 10 am – 5 pm. <b>For more information:</b> 740-249-4143
<b><u>Goodwill</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 743D East State Street, Athens, OH 45701 <b>Hours:</b> Mon-Sat, 9 am – 8 pm; Sun 10 am – 6 pm <b>For more information:</b> 740-592-4105	<b><u>New to You Shoppe</u></b> <b>Address:</b> 90 Columbus Road, Athens, OH 45701 <b>Hours:</b> Mon-Sat, 9 am – 5 pm <b>For more information:</b> 740-592-1842

### Donation Opportunities

<b><u>Airline Church of Christ</u></b> <b>Description:</b> Accepts backpacks, school supplies, or money for purchasing school supplies and backpacks. <b>Drop-Off Locations:</b> Call Minister Willard Love at 740-698-7041, or send donations to Airline Church of Christ, P.O. Box 202, Albany, OH 45701	<b><u>Community Bank Nelsonville</u></b> <b>Date/Time:</b> M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm; Sa 8:30am-Noon <b>Location:</b> 873 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH 45764 <b>Description:</b> School supply donations accepted until 8/19/16 <b>For more information:</b> 740-753-4313
<b><u>Community Bank Amesville</u></b> <b>Date/Time:</b> MTuWF 8:30am-3 pm; Th 8:30am-Noon <b>Location:</b> 25 State Street, Amesville, OH 45711 <b>Description:</b> School supply donations accepted until 8/19/16 <b>For more information:</b> 740-448-2212	<b><u>Hopewell Health Centers (REACH Program)</u></b> <b>Description:</b> Accepts school supply donations for area youth who are part of the REACH program through Hopewell Health Centers, Inc. <b>Drop-Off Locations:</b> To arrange donations 740-589-5132
<b><u>Community Bank Glouster</u></b> <b>Date/Time:</b> MTuWF 8:30am-4:30pm; ThSa 8:30am-Noon <b>Location:</b> 88 High Street, Glouster, OH 45732 <b>Description:</b> School supply donations accepted until 8/19/16 <b>For more information:</b> 740-767-3121	

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Athens County Children Services

**Description:** Athens County Children Services may need volunteers to help with Kids Day at the Athens County Fair (August 10), Back to School Parties, and Foster Parent Training Child Care (August 25). Tasks may include help run games and activities; set up, work supply stations, take individual kids “shopping” for supplies, and help with clean up; or hang out with children in foster care. Call 740-592-3061 for more information.

#### Ohio Tax Holiday on School Supplies

S.B. 264 enacted a one-time sales tax holiday in Ohio to occur beginning Friday, August 5, 2016 at 12:01 am and ending Sunday, August 7, 2016 at 11:59 pm. Items that are tax exempt 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](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/sales_and_use/SalesTaxHoliday.aspx).

Dial 2-1-1 from any local phone, 866-784-3132 from any location, or visit [www.211athenscounty.org](http://www.211athenscounty.org) for updates and additional resources.