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School Start Days for Students

School District	2019-2020 Student Start Date	School Web Site
Alexander Local Schools	Thu, August 22, 2019	http://www.alexanderschools.org/
Athens City Schools	Thu, August 22, 2019	http://www.athenscsd.org/
Federal Hocking Local Schools	Wed, August 21, 2019	http://www.fedhock.com/
Nelsonville-York City Schools	Mon, August 19, 2019	http://www.nelsonville-york.k12.oh.us/
Trimble Local Schools	Wed, August 14, 2019	http://www.trimble.k12.oh.us/

Ohio Tax Holiday on School Supplies

Beginning in 2019, Sub. S.B. 226 provides for a permanent sales tax holiday in Ohio to occur on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August each year. For 2019, the sales tax holiday will begin Friday, **August 2, 2019** at 12 am and end Sunday, **August 4, 2019** 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.

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 Community Potluck/ Open House/School Supply Give Away</u> Date: Mon, August 19 Time: 5 pm-7 pm Location: Alexander Elementary School</p>	<p><u>Nelsonville-York School Supply Give Away</u> Date: Sun, August 18 (Grades K - 6) Time: 3 pm-7 pm Location: Nelsonville Square</p>
<p><u>Athens City School District Back to School Open House</u> Date: Wed, August 21 (Grades K - 6) Time: 4:30 pm to 6 pm Location: The Plains Elementary School</p>	<p><u>Nelsonville-York Back to School Open House</u> Date: Mon, August 19 Time: 5 pm-7 pm Location: Nelsonville York Elementary School</p>
<p><u>Federal Hocking Pay It Forward/Back to School Event</u> Date: Mon, August 19 Time: 5 pm to 7 pm Location: Amesville Elementary School</p>	<p><u>Trimble Back to School Supply Party</u> Date: Mon, August 12 (Grades Preschool - 8) Time: 5 pm to 8 pm Location: Trimble Elementary School</p>



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School Supply, Clothing Giveaways and Immunizations

<p><u>AFSCME Local 1252</u> -----COMPLETED----- Date/Time: 7/27/2019 10 am until supplies run out Location: parking lot of Cornwell 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>Athens County Children Services - Lace Up For Kids</u> Date: Apply by July 16, 2019 Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm Description: Contact the assigned Athens County Children Services caseworker or school outreach worker to apply for tennis shoes for children ages 5-14. Shoes available in August for qualifying children. -----COMPLETED----- For more information: Call 740-592-3061.</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>Friends and Neighbors Community Center Backpack and School Supply Giveaway</u> Date/Time: Tue, Wed, Fri 09/13-16/2019 10 am – 4 pm Location: 24576 Parkersburg Road, Coolville, OH 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>Athens City-County Health Department</u> Date: Tue 8 am-11 pm (walk-in) 1 pm-3 pm (by appointment) Additional dates and times, call 740-592-4431. Location: 278 West Union St, Athens Description: Immunizations for children. For information, please call 740-592-4431.</p>	<p><u>The Loft Hair & Spa Salon Back to School Hair Cuts</u> Date/Time: Sun, August 11, 2019 12 noon-4 pm Location: 101 South Shafer St, Athens Description: Free kids hair cuts K-12. Come with fresh washed hair. For more information: Call 740-447-5053 or visit https://www.facebook.com/thelofthairandspa/.</p>
<p><u>Athens County Back to School Bash (BTSB)</u> Date: Thu, August 1, 2019 3 pm-7 pm Location: The Market on State, 1002 E State St, Athens Description: Athens County *children, grades pre-K through 12 who have completed the BTSB application will receive a free backpack basic basic school supplies & pre-selected items. (*Limited supplies available for those that did not complete a BTSB application by May 15, 2019). Also available: community resource information, health information, free haircuts, free food and more. For more information: Visit https://www.facebook.com/events/673871796380807/ or https://www.facebook.com/athenscountyjfs/.</p>	<p><u>Nelsonville Wesleyan Church Christmas in July Giveaway</u> -----COMPLETED----- Date/Time: Sat, July 13 at 10 am – 2 pm Location: 600 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH Description: Free clothing, school supply, and personal grooming supply giveaway. For more information: 740-753-1307</p>

Volunteer Opportunities

<p><u>Athens County Children Services</u> Description: People interested in volunteering for Athens County Children Services events such as the Back to School events, Foster Parent Training child care, and Kids' Day at the Athens County Fair. For more information: Call Katherine Marshall at 740-592-3061 extension 312.</p>
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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 Amesville</u> Date/Time: MTuW 8:30am-3pm; Th 8:30am-Noon; F 8:30am-4pm Location: 25 State Street, Amesville, OH Description: School supply donations accepted from mid July until school starts. For information: 740-448-2212</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 supply lists are available on school websites. Drop-Off Locations: Call 740-592-3061 for information.</p>	<p><u>Unified Bank Glouster</u> Date/Time: MTuWF 8:30am-4:30pm; ThSa 8:30am-Noon Location: 88 High Street, Glouster, OH Description: School supply donations accepted mid July until school starts. For information: 740-767-3121</p>
<p><u>Friends and Neighbors Community Center (Coolville)</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 Nelsonville</u> Date/Time: M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm; Sa 8:30am-Noon Location: 873 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, OH Description: School supply donations accepted mid July until school starts. For information: 740-753-4313</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>Wendys Restaurants</u> Date/Time: Through July 31, 2019 during open hours Locations: Boxes in Wendys on East State 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>

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: 751 West Union Street, Athens, OH as of 7/8/2019 Hours: Mon-Sat, 10 am – 6 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 Hours: Mon 9 am – 2 pm & 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 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 Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 6 pm For more information: 740-592-1842</p>
<p><u>Goodwill</u> Address: 175 Columbus Road, Athens, OH Hours: Mon-Sat, 9 am – 9 pm; Sun 12 noon – 5 pm For more information: 740-592-4105</p>	