



Graham-Rogers volunteered with the Washington County School Supply Drive on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to help fill backpacks with required school supplies for students in Bartlesville, Dewey, Copan, Caney Valley, Osage Hills and Bowring. The Washington County School Supply Drive is a charitable organization helping area students in Headstart through 12th grade and teachers by providing school supplies to those students in need of assistance due to financial difficulties thus helping to make school a better experience for both teachers and students. This project runs entirely on volunteers and donations.



A backpack packing day consists of obtaining a printed supply list for a school's student, picking up the backpack for that student, going around to each of the school supply stations manned by WCSSD volunteers and getting the school supplies on your list to put into the backpack. Once you have verified you have all the necessary supplies, you may need to rearrange them to ensure they fit well into the backpack before handing it off to be placed in order for pick up day. By the time pick up day arrives, each backpack has been filled, organized by school and a student's name assigned to it. In 2022, 2468 backpacks were distributed and it was estimated that an additional 400 backpacks would be distributed for 2023. For more information or to donate, please see <https://www.packthebackpacks.org/>.