

Back-to-School Clothing Checklist

Bring this list along when you go shopping to make sure you buy all your kids need to look their best on the first day and throughout the year. Just don't forget to check the dress code at your children's school before you go on your shopping spree.

Clothing

__Jeans

___Khakis

- ____Skirts and coordinating tops
- __Polo shirts
- __Button-down dress shirts

___Sweaters and cardigans

__Dresses

__Leggings

__Graphic T-shirts

__Long-sleeved T-shirts

___White T-shirts or tank tops

__Gym shorts or sweatpants

- ___Sweatshirts
- ___White socks
- _Colored socks
- __Underwear

Shoes

- ___Sneakers
- __Dress Shoes

Outerwear

- __Rain coat __Light fall coat
- __Umbrella

Accessories

- __Jewelry
- ___Hair accessories
- ___Scarves
- __Belts



School Supplies Checklist

Use this checklist when doing your shopping for back-to-school supplies. Remember to check with your child's teacher for any specific requests.

- __Backpack
- ___Reusable lunch box
- __Lunch money holder
- ____ Folders for every subject
- ___Notebooks for every subject
- __Trapper Keeper or Binders
- __Subject dividers
- __Homework planner or agenda book
- ___Thesaurus
- __Pocket dictionary
- _Loose leaf paper
- __Pencil pouch
- __Pencils
- __Pencil Sharpener
- __Erasers
- __Black, blue, and red pens

- ___Scissors (or safety scissors if needed)
- __Glue stick
- Liquid paper correction fluid
- __Sticky notes
- __Markers
- __Highlighters
- __Crayons or colored pencils
- ___Ruler
- _Calculator
- __Protractor
- __Mini stapler
- ___Staple remover
- __USB flash drive
- __Sanitizing hand wipes
- ____Tissues

Back to School Shopping: Top Ways to \$ave

Shopping for back to school doesn't have to be a budget-buster. Check out these ways to save money when shopping for school supplies—your pocketbook will thank you!

- Shop for Sales and Special Offers. Try shopping at multiple stores to catch different sale specials. You may also be able to get a price match by presenting a competitive store's advertisement.
- Shop at Bargain and Dollar Stores. Name-brand versions of supplies like pencils, folders, and notebooks may be discounted to around \$1 at dollar stores. You may not find everything you need, but it's worth a shot.
- Shop Online. Office supply stores sometimes offer lower prices online—just make sure shipping costs are low too.
- Check Out Yard Sales and Thrift Stores. Many times yard sales have unused items, but if your finds have some wear and tear, a little creativity can bring them back to life. You can also find quality vintage accents for a dorm room, if your teen is heading off to college.
- **Recycle Last Year's Supplies.** Give last year's supplies a new look with contact paper, stickers, wrapping paper, photographs, or magazine cutouts. Not only will your wallet thank you, but the Earth will thank you, too.
- Stock up for Next Year. Retail stores tend to discount school supplies even more after the "buying season" is over. By thinking ahead and taking advantage of markdowns this year, you're sure to save money for next year.
- Buy a Reusable Lunch Box. Ditch those brown paper bags and buy a cute lunch box for your child to bring to school. Not only is this a money-saver, it's also a great way to "go green".
 - Have Your Kids Chip In. Teach your child the value of a dollar and have him chip in with his own money. It's amazing how much your child does not need when he's the one buying!

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