



Back-to-school supplies for middle school

The basics

- ☐ No. 2 pencils
- ☐ Mechanical pencils
- ☐ Colored pencils
- ☐ Pencil sharpener
- ☐ Large pink eraser
- ☐ Ballpoint pens (Get a few with red, purple or green ink, too, for peer editing.)
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Spiral-bound or composition notebooks
- ☐ Loose-leaf notebook paper
- ☐ Ruler

Organizational helpers

- ☐ Several 3-ring binders
- ☐ A 3-hole punch
- ☐ A pencil case that fits in a binder
- ☐ Binder dividers
- ☐ Folders (pocket folders and folders that fit in binders)
- ☐ Small notebook to record assignments
- ☐ Calendar for scheduling assignments
- ☐ Backpack (Some schools don't allow rolling backpacks.)
- ☐ 2 combination locks (one for their locker, one for the gym locker)

Study aids

- ☐ Index cards (to make flash cards)
- ☐ Calculator (Check the teacher's policy on using smartphones with calculators. Also check with the math teacher before buying an expensive calculator.)
- ☐ Protractor

Craft materials

- ☐ Drawing paper
- ☐ Construction paper
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ 4-oz. bottle of white glue
- ☐ Scotch tape
- ☐ Mini stapler
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Watercolor paints
- ☐ Water-based markers

Home computer supplies

- ☐ Printer paper
- ☐ Ink cartridges

Nice to have

- ☐ Water bottle (stainless steel or BPA-free)
- ☐ Locker organizer (and other accessories)