



### Most Needed Supplies

1. A sturdy backpack with wide straps
2. No. 2 pencils
3. Loose-leaf notebook paper (college and wide ruled)
4. Spiral-bound notebooks– college and wide rule needed
5. Dry Erase Markers

### Additional School Supplies

- Glue sticks
- Scissors (blunt ended for younger kids, pointed for older ones)
- Ballpoint pens
- Colored pencils
- A pencil sharpener (hand-held with a top to collect shavings)
- A large pink eraser (The old-fashioned ones.)
- Washable markers
- Highlighters
- Pocket folders
- A ruler with English and metric measurements
- Box of crayons
- Composition Book

### Messages about the Need

70% of students in Denver Public Schools qualify for Free & Reduced Lunch, an indicator of poverty. Back to School time often presents a financial challenge for low-income families. Many parents have to make tough decisions; school supplies or food? Backpacks or transportation?

The average K-12 parent will spend \$100 per student on school supplies this fall which can be overwhelming and impossible to fulfill for some of our families. (Source:

<http://www.today.com/parents/school-supplies-average-cost-tops-100-1D80069506>)

Having the necessary tools and supplies helps children come to school ready to learn and be successful!