

# School Backpack Checklist

A daily list of what students should pack in their school backpack.

## Daily essentials

- Pack the student planner or assignment notebook.
- Add a pencil case with pencils, pens and an eraser.
- Include a small ruler and a highlighter.
- Add hand sanitizer and a pack of tissues.
- Pack any keys, ID card or bus pass needed.

Keep these in the same pocket every day.

## Books and class materials

- Check the timetable and pack only that day's subjects.
- Add completed homework and any assignments due.
- Include the right notebooks, folders and binders.
- Pack any textbooks or reading books required.
- Add signed forms or notes to return to the teacher.
- Remove papers and books not needed today.

## Technology

- Add the fully charged tablet, laptop or Chromebook.
- Pack the charger if the device may run low.  
Many students forget the cable, not the device.
- Include labeled headphones or earbuds.
- Add a calculator if a class requires one.
- Confirm any required logins or files are ready.

## Food and water

- Pack lunch or lunch money in a known pocket.
- Add a healthy snack for break time.
- Fill a sealed, reusable water bottle.
- Include any utensils or napkins needed.
- Pack any medication or snack for medical needs.

## Day-specific items

- Add gym kit and sports shoes on PE days.
- Pack returned library books on library day.
- Include instruments or music folders for lessons.
- Add project materials or items for show and tell.
- Pack appropriate gear for after-school clubs.
- Include weather items like an umbrella or sunhat.