

Middle School Supplies 2021-2022

As middle school students develop independence and take responsibility for their own organization, it's helpful for them to make conscious choices about their supplies. Please note the options in the categories below and encourage your adolescents to give them some thought. It has been our experience that when students take on these choices independently, they pay attention to how their system works or doesn't and they make different, informed choices in subsequent years. Some stumbles and failures often make for the best learning.

Planner: This is essential and *required!* We recommend a planner that includes both a monthly and a weekly view. Pick something appealing and consider these questions:

- Do you love lots of inspirational quotes and organizing suggestions on the pages?
- Do you prefer a clean, uncluttered page?
- Do you like a small size or large?

Binders: You will need to keep handouts and your work in binders for 5 subjects: math, science, Latin, history, and language arts. Consider:

- Do you want two or three large (3 inch) binders with multiple subjects in each?
- Do you want smaller 1 1/2 or 2 inch binders each holding only one or two subjects?

Notes: You will take notes in each subject. You can decide if you'd like to take notes on loose-leaf paper and keep them in the binders OR keep them in a spiral notebook or composition book. If you decide to get notebooks for notes, choose from the following:

- For humanities:
 - One large notebook with 5 divisions that can be used for all humanities notes.
 - Two medium notebooks with 2-3 divisions each
 - Five small notebooks
- For math and science:
 - One notebook for each

*NB: For math notes, whether it's loose leaf or bound, be sure to get **graph paper**. Graph paper is also helpful for science, but is not required.*

Basic Supplies:

- backpack
- pencil case
- 2 dozen pencils (mechanical preferred)
- 2 erasers
- 1 pack black or blue pens plus 4 - 6 individual pens of any color
- 2 100-sheet packs college or wide ruled filler paper
- 2 100-sheet packs graph ruled filler paper
- 1 packet of 4x6 or 5x7 lined index cards
- a lap top **computer or tablet** with internet capability.
- calculator (either scientific/graphing or standard is fine)
- earbuds or headphones
- clip case or clip board