

2025

# BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

JUNE 15 - AUGUST 20



It's time for Kids Above All's annual Back to School Backpack Drive!

Each year, we invite individuals, community and faith groups, and businesses to step up so the 1,500 school-aged kids in our programs have the supplies they need for the new school year. Lists of needed items are below.

We also have an **[Amazon Wishlist](#)** for this year's Back to School Backpack Drive!

Visit [kidsaboveall.org/bts](https://kidsaboveall.org/bts) for more information, or to make a financial gift to help fill specific needs for our clients.

## MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- Headphones

## BACKPACKS FOR ALL AGES NEEDED

### KINDERGARTEN

- Large Pencils
- Large Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors (Round Tip)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Play-Doh

### 1ST-3RD GRADE

- Pencil Case (No Boxes)
- Pencils
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers (Both Fine-Point and Broad Line Markers)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Yellow Highlighters
- Liquid Elmer's Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors (Round Tip)
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Notebooks (Wide-Ruled)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Headphones

### 4TH-6TH GRADE

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Watercolors
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Highlighter
- Pens (Red, Blue, and Black)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Loose Leaf Paper (Wide-Ruled)
- Notebooks (Wide-Ruled)
- Composition Notebook (Wide-Ruled)
- Sketchbook
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1 Inch)
- Clear Sheet Protectors
- Earbuds/Headphones

### 7TH-12TH GRADE

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Large Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Pens (Red, Blue, and Black)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Quad Ruled Graph Paper
- Loose Leaf Paper (College-Ruled)
- Notebooks (College-Ruled)
- Sketchbook
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1 or 1.5 Inches)
- Subject Dividers
- Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-34)
- Earbuds/Headphones

To set up an appointment to drop off donations,  
contact our VP of the BLDC, Zulma Colon.

Phone: (773) 794-7991

Email: [zcolon@kidsaboveall.org](mailto:zcolon@kidsaboveall.org)

1801 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

