

School Supplies

There is no specific school supplies list for Kennedy students. Students are allowed to carry **backpacks** and most students carry their books and supplies with them throughout the day. Lockers are provided to all students and students can use their lockers, if convenient, between classes. A large, sturdy backpack is recommended. Many students find that specific **folders, spiral notebooks, and three-ring binders** for each academic class serve them well. Three-ring notebooks are excellent for keeping papers and class notes organized. Teachers typically have handouts prepared with holes punched for the three-ring notebooks. Spiral notebooks or loose leaf paper is used for taking notes, and folders can be used for unfinished assignments and papers. Students need **pencils and pens** for classes, and often highlighters and post-it notes are also useful.

Teachers may have specific supply requests for their classes. Those requests will be explained at the Freshman Welcome/Orientation or on the first day of classes. Students **should not bring supplies** to the Freshman Welcome/Orientation. A notebook and pencil are sufficient for the first day if students wish to wait for specific supply expectations.

Students should have a **calculator** for their math and science classes. You should wait until your child brings home the requirements for specific calculator from their teacher before purchasing an expensive calculator. Many students in the past have purchased a TI-84 or TI-84+ graphing calculator. Having one of these calculators is NOT necessary for their freshman year. The graphing calculators are not used a lot until your son/daughter takes 2nd Year Algebra after they complete Geometry. It is all right for your child to have a graphing calculator in the freshman year, but not necessary. We advise all freshmen to have a less expensive scientific calculator which will serve the math and science needs. Scientific calculators can be purchased for around \$10.00 in numerous stores. If you have questions regarding purchase of a calculator, please contact Dennis Hynek at dhynek@cr.k12.ia.us.