

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Couponing Class

CATEGORY 1: THE BASICS

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Pencils	\$3 Ticonderoga 18-ct.	Walmart 	Late July
Colored pencils	50¢	Walmart 	Late July
Crayons	50¢ Crayola	Walmart 	Late July
Markers	50¢	Walmart 	Late July
Pens	99¢ 10-ct.	Walmart 	Late July
Erasers	25¢ each	Walmart 	Late July
Glue	50¢ Elmer's	Walmart 	Late July
Highlighters	Under \$2 4 - to 5-ct.	Walmart 	Late July

Stackable: Layer on any available Ibotta + Fetch rebates. Prefer Target? Circle card for an extra 5% off. Teacher? Stack your 20% teacher discount.

CATEGORY 2: TWEEN + TEEN ESSENTIALS

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Deodorant	\$2.50 or less	Drugstore 	Anytime. Check Target or drugstore weekly ads
Travel-size hand sanitizer	Under \$1	Drugstore 	Anytime. Check Target or drugstore weekly ads
Toothpaste	\$3 Colgate	Drugstore 	Anytime. Check Target or drugstore weekly ads
Face and body sunscreen	\$6 or less Coppertone	Drugstore 	Stock up throughout summer. Check Target or drugstore weekly ads
Pads, liners, etc.	\$5 or less Kotex 36-count	Drugstore 	Anytime. Check Target or drugstore weekly ads

Stackable: Drugstore rewards drop personal care essentials under \$1. Add a manufacturer coupon; Target Circle on the rest.
Students: 20% off one Target purchase.

CATEGORY 3: NOTEBOOKS + BINDERS

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Notebooks (spiral)	35¢	  	Now to early August, while most colors are still stocked
Filler paper	25¢ – 35¢	Office stores	Check office store weekly sales. Start looking now
Folders	25¢ paper 50¢ plastic	  Office stores	Now to early August, while most colors are still stocked
1-inch binders	\$1.50 store brand		Now to early August

Stackable: Free store rewards — Staples Easy Rewards, Office Depot/OfficeMax Rewards. Points stack right on the sale price.

CATEGORY 4: BACKPACKS, LUNCHBOXES + WATER BOTTLES

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Backpacks (little kids)	\$5 Dealworthy at Target; \$4.97 at Walmart	Walmart 	Now to early August
Backpacks (older kids)	\$30 JanSport on sale	amazon sporting goods stores	Early- to mid-August, watch for sales up to 25% off
Lunch boxes	\$3 Dealworthy at Target		Now to early August
Water bottles	\$5 – \$6 All in Motion and Cat & Jack		Now to early August

Stackable: Available Ibotta + Fetch rebates. Target: 20% college-student discount + Circle card for an extra 5% off.
Teacher? 20% teacher discount.

CATEGORY 5: TECH + ACCESSORIES

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Graphing calculator (TI-84 Plus CE)	\$75 – \$85 new on sale	Walmart amazon as a backup	Now to mid-August, start looking for sales. Shop Amazon Renewed as a fallback
Wired headphones or earbuds	Under \$20 \$10–\$14 JLab or generic	amazon Walmart as a backup	Late-August clearance

Stackable: Amazon coupons, if available. Layer rebate apps to get cash back on these bigger-ticket buys.

CATEGORY 6: CLASSROOM DONATIONS

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Tissues	\$1.25/box	Warehouse club	August
Disinfecting wipes	\$3 or less 70- to 80-ct.	Warehouse club	August
Hand sanitizer	~\$5 32-oz. pump	Warehouse club	August
Paper towels	Under 4¢ per sq. ft.	Warehouse club	Check monthly warehouse deals
Plastic storage bags (quart & gallon)	88¢ – 93¢ on sale	<i>Walgreens</i> Warehouse club	Check Walgreens weekly deals
Construction paper	\$2 – \$2.50	Walmart 	Check weekly store deals
Dry-erase markers (shared use)	75¢ or less per marker	Walmart 	Check weekly store deals

Stackable: No stacking needed to win. Just drugstore rewards and bulk discounts.

BONUS: CLOTHING + SHOES

Item	Don't Pay More Than	Store	When to Buy
Clothing & shoes	No fixed price to chase	  Walmart Burlington	Your state's tax-free weekend. Then, shop late-August into September for clearance

Stackable: Tax-free weekend + store clearance + a store card or rewards program.