

2025 Back-to-School Stock-Up Guide

💡 TIP: Print this guide and fill in QTY/Total columns while shopping

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85
items tracked

8
major price drops

23
price increases

\$ \$1 and Under

\$ \$1.01 - \$4.99

\$ \$5 and Up

↗ Price Up

↘ Price Down

→ Same Price

FOLDERS, PAPER & BINDERS

Essential organizational supplies • Major price changes this year

💡 SMART SHOPPING: Construction Paper dropped 60% from \$2.50 → \$1. Save \$1.50 per pack. Consider buying extra for projects.


| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----|-------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Binder, Regular, 1 in | \$1.50 | ↗ \$0.50 | | \$ | Price increased 50%. Consider flex alternative. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Binder, Durable, 2 in | \$4.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Heavy-duty for more papers. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Binder, Durable, 3 in | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Largest size, maximum capacity. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Binder, Flex/Poly | \$0.75 | ↘ \$0.25 | | \$ | 50% cheaper than regular binders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Composition Notebook | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Perfect for all grades. Buy 3 - 5 per child. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Construction Paper, 50+ ct | \$1.00 | ↘ \$1.50 | | \$ | HUGE SAVINGS! Was \$2.50. Great for projects. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy/Printer Paper per Ream | \$5.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Filler Notebook Paper, 150 ct | \$0.87 | ↘ \$0.13 | | \$ | Buy 4 - 6 packs for the year. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Folder, Plastic | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | More durable than paper folders. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Folder, Paper Portfolio 2-Pocket | \$0.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Get different colors for each subject. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Graph Paper, 80 ct | \$2.00 | ↗ \$0.50 | | \$ | 33% increase from \$1.50. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hole Punch, Single | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Single hole punch tool. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hole Punch, 3-Hole Binder | \$3.00 | ↗ \$1.00 | | \$ | 50% increase from \$2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Index 3x5 Cards, 100 ct | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Stable pricing. Study cards/notes. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Posterboard, White, 22"x28" | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Standard white posterboard. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Post-it Note Pop-Up Dispenser | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Desktop sticky note dispenser. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spiral 1-Subject Notebook | \$0.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | One subject per notebook. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spiral 3-Subject Notebook | \$2.75 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Divided sections for 3 subjects. |

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| | Spiral 5-Subject Notebook | \$4.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | All classes in one notebook. |
| | Sticky Notes, 3x3 Post-it, 90 ct | \$1.00 | ↘ \$0.19 | | \$ | 16% price drop |
| | Sticky Notes, 3x3, Generic | \$0.50 | ↗ \$0.29 | | \$ | 138% increase! Still 50% cheaper than Post-it. |



ART SUPPLIES

Crayons, markers, colored pencils • Great stability in pricing


 SMART SHOPPING: Art supplies mostly stable this year. Crayola Twistables dropped slightly. Generic crayons at \$0.25 vs Crayola at \$0.50 — 50% savings.

| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| | Crayons, Generic, 24 ct BEST VALUE | \$0.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | 50% cheaper than Crayola brand. |
| | Crayons, Crayola, 24 ct BEST VALUE | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Premium quality, richer colors. |
| | Colored Pencils, Generic, 12 ct | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Good for basic coloring projects. |
| | Markers, Generic, 10 ct | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Basic washable markers. |
| | Markers, Crayola Washable | \$3.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Washable formula, safer for kids. |
| | Watercolors Kit, 8 Colors | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Great for art class projects. |
| | Colored Pencils, Crayola, 12 ct | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Premium brand colored pencils. |
| | Colored Pencils, Crayola Twistables, 18 ct | \$5.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | No sharpening needed. |
| | Crayons, Crayola Twistables, 10 ct | \$2.50 | ↘ \$0.50 | | \$ | Twist-up crayons, no peeling. |
| | Markers, Crayola, 10 ct | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Standard Crayola markers. |
| | Highlighters (Each) | \$0.38 | ↗ \$0.13 | | \$ | 52% price increase from \$0.25. |
| | Permanent Markers (Each) | \$0.67 | ↗ \$0.23 | | \$ | For labeling, permanent marking. |
| | Dry Erase Markers (Each) | \$0.97 | ↗ \$0.22 | | \$ | For whiteboards and dry erase. |
| | Dry Erase Board + Marker, 8.5"x11" | \$2.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Personal whiteboard with marker. |
| | Chalkboard Chalk, Generic, 12 ct | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Basic white chalk. |
| | Chalkboard Chalk, Crayola, 12 ct | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Brand name, less dusty. |
| | Posterboard, Colored, 22"x28" | \$0.60 | ↗ \$0.10 | | \$ | For colorful presentations. |



BASIC SUPPLIES

Glue, scissors, rulers, tape • Some notable price increases


 SMART SHOPPING: White correction tape up 36%. Scissors increased 25%. Desk staplers dropped \$1. Generic glue vs. Elmer's: 50% savings at \$0.25 vs. \$0.50.





| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| | Glue, Generic, 4 oz | \$0.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | 50% cheaper than Elmer's brand. |
| | Glue, Elmer's, 4 oz | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Brand name white glue. |

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|  | Glue Sticks ESSENTIAL | \$0.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Buy 3 - 4 for the school year. |
|  | Scissors, Kid Size | \$0.60 | ↗ \$0.10 | | \$ | Blunt tip, safer for young kids. |
|  | Scissors, Full Size | \$1.25 | ↗ \$0.25 | | \$ | 25% price increase from \$1. |
|  | Ruler, Plastic | \$0.50 | ↗ \$0.08 | | \$ | Clear plastic, easy to see through. |
|  | Ruler, Wood | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Traditional wooden ruler. |
|  | Tape, Clear Roll, 500"+ | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Standard clear tape for projects. |
|  | Stapler, Mini | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Compact size for students. |
|  | Stapler, Compact/Stand Up | \$4.00 | ↗ \$1.00 | | \$ | 33% price increase from \$3. |
|  | Stapler, Desk/Full-Size | \$3.00 | ↘ \$1.00 | | \$ | 25% price drop. Was \$4. |
|  | White Correction Tape | \$1.50 | ↗ \$0.40 | | \$ | 36% increase. Clean application. |
|  | White Correction Fluid | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Traditional liquid correction. |



TECHNOLOGY & TOOLS


Calculators, USB drives, geometry tools • Stable pricing

| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
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|  | Scientific Calculator, Name Brand | \$10.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Required for advanced math classes. |
|  | USB 3.0, 16 GB | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | For digital projects and file storage. |
|  | Protractor Tool | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Geometry class essential. |
|  | Compass tool | \$1.25 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | For drawing circles and arcs. |




WRITING INSTRUMENTS

Pencils, pens, erasers • Generic vs. brand comparison



SMART SHOPPING: Generic wooden pencils: \$0.05 each vs. Premium (Ticonderoga): \$0.10 each. For bulk purchases, generic offers 50% savings with minimal quality difference.

| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
|--|--|------------|----------|-----|-------|--------------------------------------|
|  | Pencils, Wood Generic (Each) BEST VALUE | \$0.05 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Buy 24-pack for \$1.20. Best value! |
|  | Pencils, Wood Premium (Like Ticonderoga), (Each) | \$0.20 | ↗ \$0.10 | | \$ | 100% increase! |
|  | Eraser, Pink Rubber | \$0.33 | ↗ \$0.08 | | \$ | 32% price increase from \$0.25. |
|  | Bic Pens (Each) | \$0.10 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Buy 10-pack for \$1. Middle+ grades. |
|  | Mechanical Pencils (Each) | \$0.14 | ↗ \$0.04 | | \$ | |
|  | Pencil Plastic Box | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Hard case for pencil storage. |
|  | Pencil Slider Case | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Sliding pencil case. |
|  | Pencil Cap Erasers, 12 ct | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Fits on pencil tops. |





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|  | Pencil Sharpener, Manual With Shavings Receptacle | \$0.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Desktop sharpener with catcher. |
|  | Pencil Sharpener, Battery Powered | \$6.00 | ↗ \$1.00 | | \$ | Electric option, price increased. |
|  | Retractable Pens (Each) | \$0.27 | ↗ \$0.02 | | \$ | Click-style pens. |
|  | Zippered Pencil Pouch, Plastic | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Clear plastic, see contents. |
|  | Zippered Pencil Pouch, Fabric | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Soft fabric case. |



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Apparel options for uniform schools • Polo shirts dropped in price

💡 SMART SHOPPING: Polo shirts dropped from \$4.75 to \$4 – good time to buy multiples. All uniform pants/shorts stable at \$8














| | ITEM | 2025 PRICE | CHANGE | QTY | TOTAL | NOTES |
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|  | Polo | \$4.50 | ↘ \$0.75 | | \$ | Buy 3 - 4 for school uniform. |
|  | Chino Pants | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Khaki or navy typically required. |
|  | Shorts | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | For warmer weather/PE class. |
|  | Skort | \$8.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Skirt/shorts combination. |



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Backpacks, sanitizer, tissues • Major swings in pricing

💡 SMART SHOPPING: Hand Sanitizer dropped 50%. Reinforcement Labels up 300% – avoid if possible. Dictionary up 59% – check if required first.

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|--|---|------------|----------|-----|-------|---------------------------------------|
|  | Backpacks, Basic ESSENTIAL | \$5.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Basic functionality, good value. |
|  | Backpacks, Name Brand | 50% OFF | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Score these on discount |
|  | Hand Sanitizer, 8 oz GREAT DEAL! | \$1.00 | ↘ \$1.00 | | \$ | 50% price drop! Was \$2. |
|  | Tissue Box | \$1.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Often-requested classroom donation. |
|  | Ziploc Sandwich Bags | \$0.04 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | Price per bag. Buy in bulk. |
|  | Magic Erasers | \$1.00 | ↗ \$0.25 | | \$ | 33% increase from \$0.75. Per eraser. |
|  | Batteries AA/AAA | \$0.30 | ↗ \$0.05 | | \$ | Per battery. Buy 4 - 8 pack. |
|  | Dictionary, Pocket | \$1.99 | ↗ \$0.74 | | \$ | 59% increase! Check if required. |
|  | Reinforcement Circle Labels, 200 ct | \$2.00 | ↗ \$1.50 | | \$ | 300% increase! Avoid if possible. |
|  | Combination Lock, Masterlock | \$2.50 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | For middle/high school lockers. |
|  | Disinfecting Wipes, 35+ ct | \$2.00 | ↗ \$0.30 | | \$ | Classroom cleaning supplies. |
|  | Poster Putty, 2 oz | \$2.00 | → \$0.00 | | \$ | For hanging posters without nails. |
|  | Rubber Bands, 50+ ct | \$1.25 | ↗ \$0.25 | | \$ | 25% price increase from \$1.00. |

Shopping Summary & Quick Reference

| TOP PRICE DROPS | PRICE ALERTS |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Construction Paper -60% | Reinforcement Labels +300% |
| Hand Sanitizer -50% | Premium Pencils +100% |
| Flex Binders -25% | Dictionary +59% |
| Desk Staplers -25% | Highlighters +52% |

