

Backpack Guidelines

In order to make sure that your participants are purchasing an appropriate backpack for the grade range tag they've selected, please encourage them to follow these guidelines. We've included sample images for reference.



FOR GRADES K-1

Colorful, characters, current pop-culture references
Size should be no smaller than 15" and no larger than 17" in height.



FOR GRADES 2 - 5

Colorful but less whimsical than the younger grades
not many children of this age want character backpacks.
Size should be between 16" and 17" in height.



FOR GRADES 6 - 8

Larger backpacks with pockets; neutral colors are best
Size should be between 17" and 18" in height.



FOR GRADES 9 -12

Larger backpacks with pockets; neutral colors are best
Size should be between 18" and 19" in height.

PLEASE NOTE

While there are so many "cute little backpacks" out there, please advise your donors to refrain from purchasing these as they are too small to hold folders, paper and other supplies.

Please do not add additional items to the pack. Bonus items can create "backpack envy" and ruin the joy of the moment.

PLEASE NO RED OR BLUE BACKPACKS — THIS INCLUDES TURQUOISE.