

NEW BULK SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM

We are offering a new set of options to make your back-to-school shopping experience much less stressful! This program will allow your child's new teacher to order the supplies they need (and use) in their classroom. The supplies will be purchased in bulk and delivered to each classroom so all students have the supplies they need on the first day of school. You will have the option to pay a school supply fee or shop from a school supply list. If you choose to skip the list, we are offering three different payment options so you are able to choose the one that works best for you. They include the early Summer Savings Option (\$40), the Just-in-Time for Back-to-School Option (\$45), and the 50/50 Option of two \$25 payments (\$50). This program is not a fundraiser, all of the money stays in your child's classroom's supply budget.

BENEFITS OF THE FEE OPTION

- More convenient. Families spend less time shopping for supplies (travel time, in-store time).
- Less expensive. Supplies can be purchased in bulk, tax-free, and we can shop around for the lowest price.
- Less hassle. No need to search for dozens of different supplies by brand, size, quantity, and availability.
- Less waste and less shortages. Each teacher can purchase only the supplies they need for their class.
- No labeling. All of the supplies will be of the ones chosen by the teacher, no unrequested substitutions.
- More flexible. Supplies not on the list can be purchased when needed, reducing the teacher's out-of-pocket costs.
- Back-to-school shopping for families would only include a short list of personal items to be used by your child only (and be items you might already have around your house).
- Family night can be spent getting to know your child's teacher, not focusing on delivering supplies and having your teacher spend time verifying who brought what.

PERSONAL ITEMS SHOPPING LIST

The following items are to be provided by each student and are not included in the school supply fee. They are personal items to be used by the student only and many can be used multiple years. Please label these items.

- Backpack (All Grades) *no preschool sizes, no backpacks with wheels*
- Lunchbox (All Grades) *optional*
- Gym Shoes (low tops, white soles) to Leave at School (1-8) *Kindergarteners should wear tennis shoes daily*
- Headphones (K-2) or Earbuds (2-8)
- Adult Size Short Sleeved T-Shirt for Art (K-5)
- Towel for Rest Time (K)
- Gym Suit (purchased in school office) and Deodorant (stays in P.E. locker) for Gym (6-8)

Q&A

- Why don't you create individual school supply packs based on the list (either purchased from an outside company or assembled by the PTO)?
 - While these supply packs do offer convenience, you are paying extra for that convenience. Also, teachers are not able to customize their supplies based on their needs. Standard-issue packs can result in possible shortages or waste. The time required assembling individual packs, coordinating pack pick up and drop off, and verifying the supplies also adds up. This program will provide teachers with a larger, class pack, set of supplies. These supplies can be replenished, as needed, throughout the year.
- What supplies will be on my child's list?
 - The supply lists and the list of personal items (for those who are opting for the fee) can be found on the school's website at <http://ghills.metamora.k12.il.us/supplies/supply.htm>.
- Can I donate supplies?
 - We would appreciate new and still usable items from the lists. Please send an email to supplies@ghills69.com so we can coordinate your donation.
- I found a great price on a school supply item, how can I share that information?
 - We are always on the lookout for a great deal, especially on Expo dry erase markers and Scotch Magic Tape! If you find a sizeable quantity of school supplies at a great price, please send an email to supplies@ghills69.com.
- Where can I ask additional questions or provide feedback?
 - We want to hear what you think! Please send an email with your comments to supplies@ghills69.com.