

MY BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPENDING PLAN



From classroom and art supplies to new clothing and lunchboxes, back-to-school shopping can add up quickly. Use this worksheet to get organized and plan out your family's back-to-school expenses. Fill in what you've budgeted and track how much you spend in each category to help you stay on target. You can even involve the whole family and work together as a team!

Total amount I can spend	_____
Amount I actually spent	_____
Amount remaining	_____

	Child 1		Child 2		Child 3	
	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent
Clothes	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shoes	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Backpack/lunchbox	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Computer (laptop/tablet/calculator)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pens/Pencils	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Paper/Notebooks	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Folders/Binders	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Scissors/Ruler/Glue/other classroom supplies	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Books	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Activity fees, e.g. sports team, music lessons	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Activity equipment, e.g. band instrument, sports uniform, dance shoes, etc.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
School lunch account deposit	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
After school care	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Other expenses	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

TIPS

- ✓ Begin by evaluating each child's needs and purchasing appropriately. Know what you have and what you need when it comes to clothes, shoes and supplies.
- ✓ Make a list and check for sales and coupons online before you go shopping.
- ✓ Use your phone's calculator to keep track of your spending while on the go.
- ✓ Cross check your cart with your list and budget before you check out to confirm you have what you need and to give yourself a chance to resist impulse buys.
- ✓ Consider shopping consignment stores first since they can be a source for quality clothing at reduced prices.
- ✓ Think about your options for basics like pens, paper and notebooks. Bargains are always available at dollar-type stores. Bulk buying at a membership club might make sense if you're buying for multiple children or can split supplies and expenses with a friend.

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IMPORTANT DATES
