



# 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: 15"-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: 16"-17" in height.



## FOR GRADES 6 - 8

Padded backpacks with pockets; solid colors are best.  
Size: 17"-18" in height.



## FOR GRADES 9 - 12

Padded backpacks with pockets; neutral colors are best.  
Size: 18"-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.**