

## 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 - 2

Padded backpacks with pockets; colorful, characters, current pop-culture references.  
Size: 15"-16" in height.



### FOR GRADES 3 - 5

Padded backpacks with pockets; colorful, patterned backpacks **without** characters. Fun prints and patterns are perfect for a 2-5 backpack.  
Size: 16"-17" in height.



### FOR GRADES 6 - 12

Padded backpacks with pockets and reinforced bottoms; minimal patterns with less vibrant colors for grades 6-8 while solid, neutral colors are preferred by older students.  
Size: 17"-19" in height.



#### PLEASE NOTE

While there are so many "cute little backpacks" out there, please advise your donors to refrain from purchasing backpacks under 15" as they are too small to hold folders, paper, and other supplies.



Want to bring extra supplies? Please be sure you place extras in a separate bag. We can allocate extra supplies to fill additional backpacks. We don't want extra items in the pack to create "backpack envy" and ruin the joy of the moment.

**PLEASE NO SOLID RED, BLUE, OR TURQUOISE BACKPACKS.**

