

Buy from the school list, not from a universal shopping list. Requirements and costs vary. Check what can be reused, borrowed, or purchased later.

- ☐ Get the current school supply list
- ☐ Check closets, drawers, and last year's supplies
- ☐ Ask whether the school has a supply closet or assistance
- ☐ Set a total spending limit
- ☐ Compare at least two stores or sources

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Ways to reduce cost

- ☐ Reuse acceptable supplies
- ☐ Buy generic where quality is sufficient
- ☐ Use school or community giveaways
- ☐ Purchase in stages when permitted
- ☐ Avoid buying extras before the teacher confirms

Total budget: \$ _____

Actual total: \$ _____

Remaining gap or surplus: \$ _____

Educational worksheet from ThriftySingleMom Editorial. Adapt the worksheet to your household. Government-program rules, financial products, prices, and deadlines can change; verify current details with the relevant official agency or provider.