High School Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **School supplies**

☐ **Basics**

*You know you will need paper and pencils, binders, folders, a ruler, and a calculator (if your school allows them). Your school should let you know how much of each item to buy.*

☐ **Specialty items**

*Different teachers will require specific sizes of binders; and map pencils, a compass, and other such supplies will be needed for different classes.*

☐ **Backpack**

*Spend the money to get a good one - wear and tear will take its toll, and buying quality means not having to replace it before the year's end.*

☐ **Clothes**

*If your school requires uniforms, buy early and have a tailor custom fit them to your child. Find out what regulations apply for hair length, jewelry, and footwear. Don't forget clothes for PE.*

☐ **Medical**

☐ **Shots**

*Most schools demand a record of all shots be submitted, or else a signed affidavit attesting to a religious conviction exempting the child because of their parents' beliefs.*

☐ **Physicals**

*A physical is required for most children entering high school - a special physical may be needed for athletes competing in various sports.*

☐ **Prescriptions**

*Any medication your child is on that must be administered during school hours must be submitted to the school nurse along with permission to administer and instructions for dosing.*

☐ **Medical conditions**

*Any disability, medical condition or allergies should be made known to school officials. If severe conditions exist, a medical bracelet is a good idea.*

☐ **Extra expenses**

☐ **Uniforms**

*This applies to students on sports teams, in the band or on the cheer squad.*

☐ **Gear, etc**

*Sports players need equipment, band members need instruments, cheerleaders need pompoms.*

☐ **PTA, etc**

*Parents are expected to contribute in some way, monetarily or with service.*

☐ **Books**

*In some districts, textbooks must be purchased.*

☐ **Lab fees**

*Many high schools have fees for the science lab.*

☐ **Special occasions**

☐ **Field trips**

*Fees for these may be steep, especially for overnight trips. Plan ahead.*

☐ **Pictures**

*Even if you don't buy the whole package, school portraits are nice to have to chronologically track your child through their school years.*

☐ **Yearbook**

*This is an important commemorative item.*

☐ **School dances**

*Be prepared to shell out for dresses and mums, tuxes and corsages - maybe even a limo.*

☐ **Fundraisers**

*Every school has them - the necessary evil.*

☐ **When school starts**

☐ **Meet and greet**

*Make a point of getting to know the principal, vice principal, secretary, school nurse, counselor, and all of the teachers.*

☐ **Extracurricular**

*Find out what extra programs are offered to further socialize your child.*

☐ **Homework**

*Set strict rules for getting homework done from week one.*

☐ **Rules and regulations**

*Go over the school policy handbook and make sure your child understands what is expected of them, both academically and personally - and consequences for bad behavior.*