

Your student will receive specific supply needs and instructions from their teachers during the first few days at school.

Some teachers require composition books; others require spiral notebooks. Specific colors of pens or highlighters may also be required. Higher-level math classes suggest having a graphing calculator for personal use.

Here is a general list to get started:

Backpack – sturdy, with comfortable straps. Students are allowed to carry backpacks to classes during the day. Having supplies handy is convenient but may be a heavy load to tote. Optional lockers will be issued during the first week of class. Many students use them to help offload textbooks during the day.

Planner – to keep track of projects, assignments, due dates, and club activities. Many students track assignments using a virtual calendar or app, but some find a paper planner provides a successful complement to organizing a busy schedule.

Spiral notebook or paper to take notes on the first day

Folder to contain handout papers for the first day – many teachers will distribute papers about class curriculum and expectations. Some will need to be returned with a parent/guardian signature.

Pens/Pencils/Highlighters

Bottle of Water

<u>Lifetime Fitness (Gym) class attire</u>: Students enrolled in Lifetime Fitness (Gym) classes will not be changing clothes for the first few days of class. The "uniform" for LF is a basic white or light-colored t-shirt, dark shorts and athletic shoes. All items must be comfortable, modest, and appropriate for physical activity. The Den, our school store, will have suggested clothing for Lifetime Fitness available for purchase on Sept. 5 at a reasonable cost. <u>Locks for gym lockers will be provided</u>.

Optional tips for organization:

- Consider buying 6 different colors of sturdy pocket folders with brads to keep papers sorted by class in your student's backpack. Each color represents a class to keep handouts and returned homework organized by class period.
- Begin each school year with an empty file box at home using hanging file folders labeled for each class and club. As papers come in and homework is returned, file the papers in the box to keep the backpack from being overrun with clutter and help with exam review and keeping track of returned assignments.

<u>Summer Homework</u>: Please check the JHS website homepage for any summer homework assignments and reading. Some classes like Honors English, Honors Biology, and AP classes have additional required reading and work in the summer.

<u>Required Summer Reading Program information</u>: (for all grades entering JHS) Specific information will be posted on the JHS website in June.

For a parent to parent resource, please contact ihsparentlink@gmail.com