

# Montpelier Public School

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Every year in mid-July, elementary teachers start getting their supply lists ready. Then, at the end of the month Mr. Waagen gets those lists to Wal-Mart so parents can rifle through the pages and figure out exactly what supplies they need to purchase for their kids to be successful in school.

Normally, we don't create a supply list for our high school kids. There are a number of reasons for this. Each teacher might have their own requirements. Requirements are not as specific as they were in elementary school. We have Chromebooks which for some classes make even the basics like notebooks and writing utensils unnecessary. And, really, by the time kids are in high school they have a pretty good idea of what it is that they need.

Nevertheless, I also start getting emails and phone calls this time of year asking for a supply list for high school kids. Usually, these communications are from parents of kids new to the school or upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. I decided that this year I would provide a list of materials that would probably be good for a student to have in grades 7 – 12 at Montpelier School.

1. **Notebooks.** Some teachers will require students to use actual paper as opposed to their Chromebooks. Some students prefer to use paper. 2 or 3 notebooks should be sufficient, but some students like to be very organized and may want more. It should also be noted that there are a bunch of used Notebooks in Mr. Bear's office that students can have for free.
2. **Pens and Pencils.**
3. **Gym clothes.** If a student is in a Physical Education class, they will be required to change their clothes.
4. **Headphones.** Some students like to listen to music as they are working on their Chromebooks. They cannot do so unless they have headphones.
5. **A Basic Calculator.** Mrs. Miller does have calculators in her room, but for homework outside of the math room a calculator may be necessary. Most kids have a phone for this, though, and their Chromebook can also be used.
6. **Colored Pencils or Markers.** Most of the time these are not necessary in the high school, but sometimes projects happen.
7. **A Lock for their Locker.** It's been a long time since a student wanted to lock their locker at Montpelier, but it is an option. If they want a lock for their locker, however, it must be a combination lock and Mr. Bear must have the combination.
8. **A Positive Learning Attitude.** It became a phrase of swearing in my house this summer for kids to say "I can't." They can. The positive learning attitude is by far the most important element on the list.

## Montpelier Mission Statement

Montpelier School is an educational community working together towards the common goal of students obtaining academic and personal success in order to become productive and involved members of society.