



FARIBAULT MIDDLE SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 656

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Hello FMS families,

We are receiving more and more questions about the student's supply list for the upcoming year. Being that we are uncertain about the start of the school year and how the entire year will play out, it is hard to justify families spending money on supplies that may never be used.

The best list we can send out would be to buy the essentials. A few notebooks, a few folders, some markers, pens, pencils, and a few highlighters. Students that will be in the building, either full-time or part-time (hybrid) will need to have a 3-ring binder. Below you will find a list of suggestions and recommendations.

Lockers will not be available for students to use during the day. If lockers are assigned, they will really serve as places to store extra supplies and a place to hang your coat. Students will not be allowed to stop at their lockers in between class periods unless permission is given by a staff member.

FMS classes will have a "project option" component to them meaning that students may be producing more projects as part of the unit or chapter wrap-up. Tests and quizzes will still be part of a class structure but completing a project may also be assigned rather than the traditional test. That being said, having note cards, post-it notes, water paints, and other crafty types of things will be helpful as they may be used when completing class projects. Often times regular household materials could be used. Keep this in mind when picking up supplies; you know your child best and know how they work with projects and what they prefer to use with these sorts of things.

iPads will continue to be used during distance learning and in-building hybrid learning. Having a set of earbuds or headphones is a good idea. Cleaning supplies and hygiene supplies will be part of the safe environment your child will experience while in the building. Use your personal discretion on sending these sorts of things with your child based on your family's practices and beliefs. Students are not required to bring hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes but they sure can if that helps them feel more comfortable at school or on the bus.

Drinking fountains will be turned off. The bottle-filling hydration stations connected to the drinking fountains will be available for student use. We will follow health and safety requirements and make changes to this if needed. Water bottles may be used by students. We prefer water bottles to be clear bottles with secure caps. Bottles that squirt water should not be used.

"Faribault Public Schools provides a high-quality and equitable education that nurtures, inspires, challenges, and empowers all students to engage and grow as learners and citizens."

6th - 8th grade School Supply List **Recommendations:**

Pens
Pencils
Folders
Notebooks
3-inch binder
(2) 5-pack pocket tabbed dividers (for the binders)
Pencil pouch (for the binders)
Colored pencils
Markers
Notecards
Post-it Notes
Highlighters
A few Sharpies
Earbuds or headphones

6th - 8th grade School Supply List **Suggestions:**

Water paint
Crafty types of materials
Hand sanitizer
Sanitizing wipes
Organization materials (6th graders will be provided a school planner, 7th and 8th graders will not be supplied with a school planner)
Loose-leaf paper
Erasers

We appreciate your flexibility and understanding that this year looks so different than previous years. Students and families are living in changing environments inside and outside of school. Preparing your child with learning materials is always needed, knowing what works best for your child is part of preparing them for the changing environment of the 2020-2021 school year.

Please email me at mmeihak@faribault.k12.mn.us if you have any questions or concerns. Our top priority is your children, we are here to help in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Mr. Meihak and all FMS staff members