

# South Hills Middle School 2026-2027

## Suggested Supplies for Grade 8

**SUPPLY NOTES:** Students in grade 8 will have the opportunity to use a loaner Chromebook during the school year with parent/guardian permission.

The following items are suggested supplies for eighth graders. There may be teacher or subject specific additions to the list at the beginning of the school year. **Please read Page 2 about calculator use in 8th grade.**

**Please clearly mark all items with the student's name before sending them to school.**

### General Supplies for all classes

- Several #2 Pencils (mechanical or regular)
- Erasers
- Colored pens- flair pens
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- Markers- we really need students to have their own sets
- Loose leaf lined paper
- Pencil pouch
- Small handheld pencil sharpener (for colored pencils)
- Highlighters
- Post-it notes
- Scissors
- Glue

### Math

- Graph paper spiral notebook (either 14" or 5 x 5)
- Math spiral notebook
- Straight edge protractor with ruler
- 10+ Pencils (mechanical preferred)
- Math ONLY Folder or Binder for handouts/homework
- Scientific calculator highly recommended (**see P. 2 for information about calculator use**)
- Highlighters and checking pens

### Language and Literature

- Composition notebook
- 1-inch binder
- Flair pens
- 3 Dividers

### Science

- Spiral notebook or composition notebook (Kucinski & Watters)
- Folder for handouts/homework (Kucinski & Watters)
- 1-inch binder (Kucinski)
- 3 dividers (Kucinski)

### American History

- Headphones
- Composition notebook (not spiral)
- Folder for handouts/homework

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### **ABOUT CALCULATOR USE IN 8TH GRADE MATH CLASSES**

In the past we have recommended the purchase of a TI-84 graphing calculator, but they are becoming increasingly less necessary. A scientific calculator that can do exponents and square roots is very useful and much cheaper (about \$15). PSAT, SAT, and ACT all have Desmos now built in, and we will use Desmos in class as well to help students prepare. However, we do not allow the use of Desmos on tests, so having a calculator that they are familiar with is helpful for students.

A graphing calculator may be helpful in high school, so if you would like to purchase one, we will not discourage that decision.

Finally, we want to assure you that we also believe that not all mathematical thinking and work is appropriate for calculator use. There will be a great deal of emphasis on mental arithmetic strategies and estimation skills, as well as paper and pencil computation, when advisable throughout the year. Part of becoming mathematically literate is learning when to use which techniques and tools.