

Backpack Drive

In-kind donations are eligible for a tax receipt if the items are new and a sales receipt is provided.

Your contribution will help provide school-aged children from low-income, single mother-led households with the essentials they need to start the school year with confidence.

We're seeking **300 new backpacks and school supplies** for children living in Coquitlam, Surrey, North Vancouver, Vancouver, Burnaby and the Fraser Valley.

What makes a good backpack?

Backpacks for Grades 8 - 12 are in high demand. Your donation can help ensure older students aren't left out.

- **Grade 8 - 12:** Durable backpacks that can carry heavier textbooks. Subtle, solid-coloured or neutral bags preferred.
- **Grade 4 - 7:** Sturdy backpacks with multiple compartments. Solid or subtle patterns preferred.
- **Kindergarten - Grade 3:** Small, age-appropriate backpacks. Themed designs (e.g., unicorns, dinosaurs, ocean, space) are welcome.

Backpacks can be donated pre-filled or with school supplies packed separately. We also welcome school supply donations on their own, which families can use to refill backpacks they already have.

Drop off June 8 to August 7, 2026 at YWCA Program Centre, 535 Hornby St, 4th floor.

Please arrange drop-off 48 hours in advance.

Questions?

Call us at 604 895 5850 or email donations@ywcabc.org



Suggested School Supply List

Kindergarten - Grade 3	Grade 4 - 7	Grade 8 - 12
1 small school supplies box	1 small school supplies box	1 pencil case
1 package of HB pencils	1 package of HB pencils	1 mechanical pencil with refill lead or 1 dozen HB pencils
1 pencil sharpener	1 pencil sharpener	1 pencil sharpener
1 box of crayons (24 count)	1 box of coloured pencils	1 pack of blue or black ballpoint pens
1 box of coloured pencils	1 box of non-permanent coloured markers	1 variety of pack of highlighters
1 box of washable markers	2 dry erase markers	1 glue stick
1 large glue stick	1 glue stick	1 pair of scissors
1 pair of scissors	1 pair of scissors	1 clear plastic ruler 12" (cm and inches)
1 ruler 12" (cm and inches)	1 ruler 12" (cm and inches)	1 eraser
1 large eraser	2 erasers	1 scientific calculator
1 pack of post-it notes	1 pack of post-it notes	1 pack of post-it notes
1 pack of facial tissues	1 pack of cue cards	1 pack of cue cards
-	1 pack of loose lined paper (500 sheets)	1 pack of loose lined paper (500 sheets)
-	1 variety pack of coloured duotangs or 1 large 3-ring binder	1 variety pack of pocket folders
-	1 large carabiner	1 large 3-ring binder (for all subjects)
-	1 mesh gym bag for gym shoes and shoes	1 combination lock
-	-	1 large carabiner
-	-	1 mesh gym bag for gym shoes and shorts