

School Days

Sizing Up School Supplies

(NAPSA)—If you want your child's school supplies to make the grade, try choosing items from an "A" list of products, assembled by a panel of experts.

"Students today are looking for traditional school supplies to fit their needs. Today's products are built to last and are made in eye-catching colors," says Robert George, senior vice president and general merchandise manager at Staples. Staples has compiled the following list:

- **Plush Packs**—Backpacks by High Sierra are made with lightweight, durable fabric that withstands the elements of the school day and come in colors such as "calm spring blue." The company's Board Pack features dual straps with compression arms to hold a skateboard or jacket. All its backpacks have large main components and CD player pockets with molded headphone ports.

- **Undercover**—The original s-t-r-e-t-c-h-a-b-l-e book by Book Sox protects books and features funky prints and bold solids. The fabric easily covers most books and is machine washable.

- **Get Organized**—Store important test dates and appointments in the Palm M105 Connected Organizer. Send and receive e-mails and connect to the Internet wirelessly.

- **Computers And Commuters**—A student on-the-go can tote the Compaq 730 laptop computer from home to campus. It has plenty of memory, a DVD-ROM drive and 14.1-inch screen.

- **Lock It Up**—Students can protect their laptops with a portable cable lock from Kryptonite. The padded key-lock attachment fits directly into a notebook computer security slot.

- **Two Plus Two**—A young student may appreciate a basic solar calculator by Merangue with bold colors and large keys. Math and science lovers may prefer the Texas Instruments 30Xa—a scientific calculator that performs



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everything from basic math to tricky trigonometry. For those who graph, the 83 Plus may be appropriate.

- **Keep It Together**—Students can secure important papers in a heavy-duty constructed binder by Storex. It features a contemporary design, a label holder, it's completely waterproof and it's made from 100 percent recycled material.

- **Hold It**—Kids can keep things in place with Elmer's School Glue. It comes in a four ounce, shatterproof bottle, it's nontoxic and washes out easily with soap and water. Great for arts and crafts, the disappearing color Glue Stic by Avery goes on purple to let you see where the glue's been applied, then it disappears. A Disappearing Glue Pen is also available.

- **Cut It Out**—Fiskars for Kids are scissors designed to open effortlessly and with oversized handles to provide comfort for children who use multiple fingers to cut. Children's scissors are also available from Acme, a company that has made quality children's scissors for over a century.

- **Take Note**—Mead Five-Star one subject notebooks are built to last with durable covers, two full-size pockets inside, planning guides, heavy-duty backs, spiral wires that won't snag and perforated pages for easy tearing.

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