

Fashion TRENDS

What The Nation's Teens Will Be Wearing

(NAPSA)—Even fashion conscious teens enjoy getting more for less when shopping for back-to-school—for good reason. According to a random survey by Opinion Research, 52 percent of teenagers, ages 12-17, will spend on average up to \$200 of their own money on back-to-school clothing.

What are some of the hottest back-to-school trends? The shopping experts at Marshalls, one of the nation's leading off-price family retailers, preview what the nation's teens will be wearing:

Junior Girls—The mini skirt continues to be a must-have wardrobe essential, especially coupled with opaque tights in bright neon or fun prints. Jeans remain the hottest trend among teenage girls, in both bootleg and flared-leg styles. These will be paired with a ruched top, Asian-inspired floral blouse or feminine sweater.

Girls—Colorful glitter tees, jeans with floral accents, sneakers in pink and baby blue are being scooped up for back-to-school. Thin wale corduroy pants in neutral colors are flared with details such as leather lace-ups and embroidery around the waist, leg and cuffs. Pair these with the hottest shoe, Mary Jane's, with soft, heavy soles.

Boys—Activewear-meets-streetwear is the style favored by boys of all ages this season, while layering to create a total ensemble is also a key trend. Logo-driven and athletic number tees, jackets and warm-up pants boasting professional sports team logos are must-have items. Jeans, featuring



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surface treatments, such as faded knees, back pockets and whiskers are meant to appear worn in. Cargo pants in cammo, forest green and khaki are worn new or "washed." Also, popular brand name sneakers and down parkas in navy and red easily go from classroom to playground.

Accessories—Crocheted bags and felt hats, adorned with suede or leather flowers and stitching add instant style, while long multi-colored crocheted scarves are cool inside and out. The all-important back-to-school accessory remains the backpack. Look for eye-popping colors in red, orange and yellow or classic colors like navy, green and black.

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