

WHY SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

Teachers in Wake County spend an average of over **\$900 out-of-pocket** on school supplies for their students each year, compared to the state average of \$526. WakeEd Partnership seeks to change this through the Tools4Schools program that provides nearly 11,000 Wake County Public School System educators with FREE classroom supplies to ensure that all students have the supplies they need to focus on learning.

DATA & STATISTICS

In the 2021-2022 school year, Tools4Schools served 751 educators. In the following year (2022-2023), Tools4Schools served over 4,000 educators. In the 2023-2024 school year, Tools4Schools **served over 8,000 educators**.

In the 2023-2024 school year, Tools4Schools gave away \$692,190 in school supplies, reaching a milestone of a total of over **\$1 million dollars of schools supplies given away** since inception.

HIGH NEED SUPPLIES

- Dry Erase Boards (Lined/Unlined)
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erasers
- Expo Dry Erase Spray
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Crayola Markers (Broad/Fine)
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Fidget Toys
- Adult Scissors
- Two-Pocket Folders
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Staplers + Staples
- Cardstock (Assorted Colors)
- Copy Paper
- Electric Pencil Sharpeners
- Black and Blue Pens
- Headphones
- Tissues

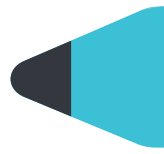
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer. Volunteers unpack and sort supplies, stock shelves, answer teacher questions, and more. Hours are typically **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm to 7pm**. Groups of up to 10 volunteers can participate at once.

Donate Supplies. Donations can be delivered in the donation bins located at 1816 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC, 27604. For staffed hours, donations are accepted on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm**.

Donate Financially. Financial donations can be made in the form of cash, check, or via the Tools4Schools website.





SUPPLY DRIVE TOOLKIT

WakeEd Partnership invites individuals, groups, and organizations to collect and donate new and gently used classroom supplies for Tools4Schools. Follow these simple steps and start collecting classroom supplies in your neighborhood, workplace, congregation, civic group, or school.

STEP ONE: REGISTER YOUR DRIVE

[Click here](#) to let us know when and where you will be hosting your supply drive, so we can share the news with our community!

STEP TWO: PROMOTE YOUR DRIVE

Share information about your classroom supply drive with your community! We have provided flyers, signs, and more to help you get started!

- Place labeled collection boxes in highly visible locations such as a lobby, office, or clubhouse.
- Tag WakeEd Partnership and #Tools4Schools in social media posts about your drive!
- Consider sharing a link to our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or [online donation page](#) with those who can't donate in person.

FLYER/HANDOUT

Post or distribute in your community, school, or business to promote your supply drive.

COLLECTION SIGN

Post a sign on your collection bins to let everyone know where to donate supplies!

WISH LIST

Ask friends, family, and coworkers to donate most-requested classroom supplies from our Tools4Schools wishlist.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Share on social media with information about your supply drive. For graphics, reach out to the WakeEd Partnership Team.

STEP THREE: DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS

- Donations can be delivered in the donation bins outside at any time. For staffed hours, donations are accepted on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm**.
- Tools4Schools is located at 1816 Capital Blvd., Raleigh, NC, 27604.
- If you have questions about your donation, contact us at tools4schools@wakeed.org



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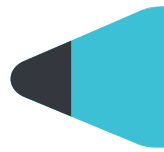
DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO CLASSROOMS IN NEED

We are collecting school supplies for Tools4Schools, a free classroom supply store for WCPSS teachers!

Most-needed items include:

- o Crayola Markers, Colored Pencils, Pens, Sharpies, Highlighters, & Expo Markers
- o Headphones, Fidget Toys, Plastic Clipboards, & Kitchen Timers
- o Color Copy Paper, Cardstock, Post-It Notes, & Easel Pads
- o Hand Sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Pencil Sharpeners, & Tissues





SCHOOL SUPPLIES WISHLIST

Writing & Drawing

Ticonderoga Pencils
Sharpie Permanent Markers (Assorted Colors)
Mechanical Pencils (Assorted Colors)
Crayola Markers (Assorted Types)
Crayola Colored Pencils (Assorted Types)
Crayola Crayons (Assorted Types)
Expo Dry Erase Markers (Assorted Colors)
Pens (Assorted Types & Colors)
Highlighters (Assorted Colors)

Office Supplies

Paper Mate Pink Pearl Bar/Pencil-Top Erasers
Paper Clips
Binder Clips
Elmer's School Glue (Liquid and Glue Sticks)
Tape (Transparent, Masking, Washi, etc.)
Staplers & Staples
Tape Dispensers
Headphones/Earbuds

Folders/Notebooks

Pocket Folders (Assorted Types, Colors)
Dividers
Spiral Notebooks (College or Wide Ruled)
Composition Books (College or Wide Ruled)
Plastic Sheet Protectors
Laminating Sheets
File Folders (Assorted Colors)

Miscellaneous Items

Play Doh (Assorted Colors)	Pom-Poms (Assorted Colors & Sizes)	Popsicle Sticks
Googly Eyes	Playing Cards	Yarn
Rubik's Cubes (small)	Stickers	Stress Balls
Foam Dice (Assorted Sizes)	Clothes Pins	Counting Chips

Paper Products

Copy Paper
Loose Leaf Paper (Wide and College Ruled)
Copy Paper (Assorted Colors)
Construction Paper
Post-It Notes (All Sizes, Colors; Lined or Unlined)
Index Cards (All Sizes, Colors; Lined or Unlined)
Easel Pads (Regular and Self-Stick Post-It)
Clipboards (Assorted Colors)
Cardstock (Assorted Colors)

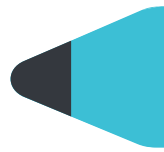
Tools/Storage

Whiteboard (9x12 Lap-Size)
Whiteboard Erasers (Assorted Sizes)
Pencil Pouches/Boxes
Electric Pencil Sharpeners
Rulers (Wood/Plastic/Metal)
Child Safety Scissors and Adult Scissors
Expo Dry Erase Spray
Manual Pencil Sharpeners

Personal & Hygiene Items

Tissues (Boxes and Pocket Packs)
Hand Sanitizer
Clorox or Lysol Wipes (To Go)
Femine Care Products (Pads, Tampons, etc.)
Microfiber Wipes





WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

While we appreciate all the donations we receive, not all items are ideal for our teachers and students, easily stored, or easily disseminated from our store. Please refer to the following list of items that we **DO NOT** accept:

- Adding Machines
- Baby Cribs
- Car Seats
- Bedding/Sheets/Towels/Pillows
- Binders
- Building Materials & Household Fixtures
- Cassette Tapes
- Carpet Samples
- Chalkboards
- Clothes/Shoes**
- Computer Monitors
- Computer PC Systems/Units
- Computer Media/Cables/Wires
- Food & Perishable Items
- Fabric Books
- Fabric Samples
- File Cabinets
- Furniture**
- Gas & Oil Products
- Hanging File Folders
- Home Exercise Equipment
- House Paints, Lacquers, Thinners
- Legal Size Office Supplies
- Magazines
- Major Appliances
- Musical Instruments
- Non-working/Obsolete Electronics
- Overhead Projectors
- Printer Ink & Toner
- Printers
- Seasonal Decor Items
- Stuffed Animals
- Televisions
- Transparencies
- Used Art Supplies
- Used Toys
- Used Manilla Folders
- VCRs/DVDs

**For office furniture, clothing, or branded items, please contact the WakeEd Partnership Team at tools4schools@wakeed.org with an image and description of the items.

K-12 READING BOOKS

While we will accept new and gently used, age appropriate reading books for K-12 students, we'd prefer that books are donated to Wake Up and Read, Read and Feed, and other local nonprofits that support K-12 literacy in Wake County.

UNSURE IF WE ACCEPT AN ITEM?

If you are unsure if an item will be accepted, please contact the WakeEd Partnership Team (see contact information below) with an image and brief description of the items.

For more information or questions regarding donation items, please contact us at (919) 821-7609 or tools4schools@wakeed.org





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