



Summer Reading and Skills

Area libraries offer wonderful reading programs, special events, and engaging story times throughout the summer months. These opportunities benefit each child in many ways. Children are able to explore a variety of book and genres, pursue topics as interests twist and turn, and practice critical social skills in new environments. You may want to consider delving into non-fiction, biographies, audiobooks, ebooks, and bilingual books in addition to storybooks.

You can obtain a library card from any library; you do not have to be a resident of the city that the library serves.

Here are some useful links to programs in neighborhoods close to Mackintosh.

[Bemis Public Library](#)

[Arapahoe Libraries](#)

[Englewood Public Library](#)

[Denver Public Libraries](#)

[Jefferson County Public Libraries](#)

If you are seeking literary adventures, you may want to embark on the geocaching challenge presented by Denver Public Libraries. This provides an exciting experience surrounded by literacy!

2024-2025 School Supplies

To support environmental sustainability, equity, efficiency, and cost effectiveness, Mackintosh purchases the majority of student school supplies.

Each student has been billed a school supply and technology fee through FACTS.

Prekindergarten: Please label all items with your child's name.

- Extra complete outfit with shoes in gallon-size plastic bag
- Lunchbox with reusable containers that your child can open and close (in lieu of plastic bags), utensils, and water bottle (no microwave or refrigeration available)
- (Full Day pre-K Only): crib sheet, child's blanket, small stuffed animal, and carrying bag
- Sunscreen

Kindergarten - Fifth Grades: Please label all items with child's name; *bring PE shoes & headphones to back to school conferences*

- Backpack
- Indoor PE shoes
- Personal headphones kept at school
- Lunch box with utensils and water bottle (no microwave or refrigeration available)

Sixth - Eighth Grades: Please label all items with child's name

- Backpack
- Indoor PE shoes
- Laptop/Chromebook (14" screen or smaller) with computer power cord (no tablets or Ipads). See technology section below for specs
 - Optional: Mouse
 - Highly Recommended: Additional computer charger to keep at school
- Personal headphones kept at school
- [Texas Instruments TI-34 MultiView Scientific Calculator](#) or [Texas Instruments TI-36X Pro](#) in backpack at all times
- Lunch box with utensils and water bottle (no microwave or refrigeration available)

Technology

All families should ensure a reliable internet connection at home, with at least 10 Mbps upload and download speeds recommended.

First - Fifth grades

- Students in first through fifth grades will have an individually-assigned Chromebook that follows them year-to-year to best support their learning in the classroom. Consistent use of the same device will promote ease in management and teaching.
- After "leasing" the Chromebook for four years, students will own the Chromebook. If a student comes in or leaves mid-cycle, families will have the option to purchase the Chromebook at an adjusted cost.

Sixth - Eighth grades

- All students are required to have their own laptop computer for designated **school** use. We do not recommend that this device be used for entertainment purposes at home.
- Small-footprint laptop. **No tablets or iPads!**
- The laptop should be clear of games, bloatware, and other entertainment applications.

Required computer specs:

- Inexpensive** (around \$300 - \$700 range)
- Small footprint** less than or equal to a 14" screen for ease of travel and shared desk spaces
- Reliable and fast** - needs to power up in less than three minutes
- Good **battery** that lasts at least four hours - *must charge at home every night*
- Must have WiFi **and at least 4 Gb of memory**
- Built-in **camera** with good video capability
- Adult set up with clear boundaries: A new computer will be very exciting for your child. They will want to immediately dive in and begin tinkering. Please set clear boundaries about use and time on devices. At school, the laptops will be used solely for word processing, research, and content creation. Consider having your child check in their device at night so it doesn't become a vehicle for distraction.