

Back-to-learning Deals: Tips on saving money . . . and your sanity

Whether you are in Frederick or Montgomery County or in a city across the United States, this school year is anything but normal – including the school supplies.

Here are tips and ways to save on back-to-learning supplies:

Standard School Supplies

Stores like Walmart and Target offer big discounts on supplies, which typically last until September. Make sure you take advantage of the sales, especially if your child needs them if they may return to class in the Spring. (Do not forget, stores now sell reusable face masks too.)

However, before you shop at actual stores, “shop” your home. Chances are that you have these items already from previous years.

Reliable Wi-Fi Connection

When it comes to virtual learning, a reliable Wi-Fi or hard-wired Ethernet is essential. Many schools and school districts are providing free Wi-Fi hotspots to families in need or setting up makeshift access points at various positions in the community. If you need internet access or even a computer, contact your school.

Headphones or Earbuds

Many families are all working from home and sharing the same space. Headphones can help children tune out distractions from each other and focus on their lessons. Discount stores such as Five and Below offer inexpensive headphones – especially for younger students who may break or lose items easily.

Area to Work

Locating a comfortable space in a house can be a big challenge. Not every child has a desk or even a private room. Many families have turned the kitchen table as the central work and social area. If you are in the market for a stand-alone desk, save money by checking out online yard sales, second-hand shops, used or office furniture stores

or ask family and friends.

Extra Rewards on Credit Cards



Keep an eye out for specials your credit card or financial institution may be running during this time of the year. Just like retailers, credit card companies will often run back-to-school specials when buying items in terms of cash back options or extra rewards (like [Nymeo's Platinum Visa Credit Card](#)). Just by using these credit cards, you could earn enough points for gift cards to be used in the future.

Amazon Prime

If you have a college student, purchasing an Amazon Prime membership may be beneficial. Aside from ordering books through Amazon, students can order groceries, medicine, and other essentials without physically stepping into a store. First year college students often receive free or discounted Prime membership. Check to see if this is the case for your student.



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