

## **Mason-Rice School Supplies FAQ**

### **How does the SchoolKidz program work?**

Mason-Rice uses the services of Staples SchoolKidz and their back-to-school supply kit program. Please note that this program is not a fundraiser, rather a 10% savings off each kit is passed directly to you! Plus, you have the added benefit of getting exactly what the teachers have requested on their lists. The ordering happens in June. Please look out for emails from the PTO on how and when to order. It is a very easy and quick online process. The supplies get delivered directly to the school at the end of August.

### **Where can I order supplies if I missed the deadline for ordering through SchoolKidz?**

If you missed ordering in June, you can buy supplies on your own. Your options are to shop at Amazon, Target, Walmart, Staples, or anywhere you wish. Please use the list of required supplies posted at [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org).

Also, there is an Amazon Store that is setup every year - a % of these purchases goes to the school - the prices are not increased, they are regular Amazon Prices. The store lists the required supplies by grade as a convenience. The link to the store will be posted at the end of July on [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org)

### **Where can I find the list of supplies required by teachers?**

The current list of required supplies is posted on [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org)

### **I ordered through SchoolKidz in June. When and where will my child receive the supplies?**

Your supplies will arrive at the school in the last week of August. These supplies will be sorted by volunteers and delivered to classrooms. Your child will have the supplies in their classroom on the first day of school.

Supplies for Grades K-2 are delivered in bulk so your child may not know which markers are his or hers. They may just be put into the marker supply for the classroom. However things that are bought specifically for your child – folders, binders, etc. – will be marked for your child by his/her teacher.

Supplies for grades 3-5 are more individualized so your child's supply box with some or all of his/her supplies may be on his/her desk when he/she arrives on the first day. Any supplies bought specifically for your child – binders, portfolios, folders, etc. – may be labeled for your child by his/her teacher prior to the first day.

### **Can I help volunteer to sort the supplies delivered from SchoolKidz?**

YES, Please! The delivery usually happens the last week of August, one week before school starts. It will be on Mon, Tue, or Wed and will last about 2 hours. Please look out for an email from the PTO with the exact date and time in August.

We need volunteers to sort the supplies and deliver them to classrooms. Children are welcome to come with their parent or caregiver -- and they actually find it fun to help! It is a nice opportunity

to visit their new classroom. Please consider coming even if you didn't order supplies this year. We really need the help -- and the more people, the faster the sorting goes.

If we don't get enough people to help sort, we will not be able to offer this program next year. We offer this service solely to help parents and teachers with back-to-school preparation. It is not a fundraiser for the PTO.

**I can't remember if I ordered the supplies in June. How can I check?**

Search your email for the order confirmation:

- by email address "ttorders@schoolkidz.com"
- by website address - <http://www.shoptkits.com/>
- check your spam and promotions folders

If you are not able to find the confirmation email, and you believe you have ordered the supplies, you can email [inna@toadler.com](mailto:inna@toadler.com) or [syleng314@gmail.com](mailto:syleng314@gmail.com). One of us will check the order list for the name of your child. Please allow 2 days for a reply.

**Are the teachers particular about brands? Do they need to be exactly the same pencils and notebook brands or does the same description count?**

We recommend getting the requested brand if it is a name brand. It is important to get a quality product. You can substitute where it makes sense. For example, for markers, getting the Crayola ones is important as others dry out mid-year. Make sure the folders are plastic and sturdy as the paper ones do not last all year.

The school's green team recommends the Green Works wipes (rather than regular Clorox) and low odor products as specified.

**My child is in Kindergarten, how do we find out about A/B group?**

This should have been communicated to you before the school year ended. If you don't have that information, please call the school directly two weeks before school starts to confirm A or B group placement. School supplies are the same for both groups.

**The Amazon Store is showing unreasonable prices or unavailable products. What should I do?**

We create the Amazon Store as a convenience for families and as a fundraiser for the PTO. (Prices are not marked up but the store is part of an Amazon affiliate program that sends a % to the PTO.) However, the Amazon store is very tricky to setup as availability and pricing changes all the time, sometimes daily. Please be aware that some products will need to be double checked or purchased elsewhere. The current school supply list pdf is always posted on [www.masonrice.org](http://www.masonrice.org) so getting supplies from a non-web-based store is also a good option.