

# wjcs 2025 Back-to-School Drive

**Thank you for participating in our WJCS Back-to-School Drive!  
This year, the need is greater than ever.**

Children aged 5-11 from under-resourced families in Westchester will receive backpacks filled with essential school supplies. Youth aged 12-18 will receive \$50 gift cards to purchase the specific items they need for a successful school year.

With more families facing challenges, we anticipate a significant increase in demand for backpacks and supplies. Your support is vital in helping these students start the school year prepared and confident.

## List of Supplies

Please provide only new backpacks. Bright colors, patterns, or characters are preferred. Fill each backpack with the following supplies:

- Pencil cases
- 1-2 boxes of pencils
- Folders (2-5 different colors)
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons
- Erasers, pencil sharpeners
- Wide-ruled paper
- Mini-dry erase boards and markers
- Headphones

## Children's Books

Many of our families do not own children's books. Studies have shown that for families who own books, literacy rates in children increase. **If you are able to add one or 1-2 books in the age range of 5-11 to the backpack**, it would be greatly appreciated by the families.

**To make a donation, go to [www.wjcs.com/donate](http://www.wjcs.com/donate).**

**Our backpack drive ends on August 6, 2025.** Please drop off backpacks and donations at WJCS Headquarters (845 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603) on August 4, 5, or 6 between the hours of 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**Contact Michelle Siegel, Volunteer & Event Associate, to schedule a drop off** or if you have any questions, at [msiegel@wjcs.com](mailto:msiegel@wjcs.com); 914.761.0600 x2209.