

Daily Backpack Supplies

These are items students are encouraged (but not required) to keep in their backpacks for daily use in biology class. The school provides all materials needed for required coursework.

Item	Why It Helps in Biology
Pencils, pre-sharpened or mechanical (pack of 12) (<i>voluntary</i>)	Required for lab drawings & data tables, assignments
Colored pencils, 12-color set (<i>voluntary</i>)	Used extensively — cell diagrams, food webs, genetics charts, ecology maps
Fine-tipped gel pens — Blue, Black, Red (<i>voluntary</i>)	Note-taking, CER responses, and written labs
Highlighters, multi-color 4–6 pack (<i>voluntary</i>)	Annotating readings, marking key vocabulary, studying
Scientific calculator (<i>voluntary</i>)	Population genetics, data analysis, ecology math
College-ruled notebook paper, 200-sheet pack (<i>voluntary</i>)	Daily notes, warm-ups, CER writing
Graph paper, 50-sheet pad (<i>voluntary</i>)	Data graphing assignments; used in every unit
Graph-ruled composition notebook	Used for lab reports/write-ups
1.5" three-ring binder (<i>voluntary</i>)	Keeping unit packets organized all year — 1.5" recommended over 1"; we cover a lot!
5-tab dividers (<i>voluntary</i>)	Separating units inside the binder

Voluntary Classroom Donation Items

*The following consumable items are used in our hands-on lab program. Any quantity is welcome, even one box or roll makes a difference. **All donations are completely optional.***

Item	Used In
Disposable nitrile gloves (latex free), box of 100, any size (<i>voluntary</i>)	All wet labs & dissections — our highest-use consumable
Brawny paper towel rolls (<i>voluntary</i>)	Lab cleanup throughout the year
Boxes of Kleenex / facial tissue (<i>voluntary</i>)	General classroom use
Liquid hand soap, 8–12 oz, not antibacterial (<i>voluntary</i>)	Post-lab handwashing stations
EXPO dry-erase markers, multi-color (<i>voluntary</i>)	Whiteboards & group problem-solving activities
Sticky notes / Post-its, any size (<i>voluntary</i>)	Interactive note strategies & lab annotations