

TOOLS 4 SEMINOLE SCHOOLS

SUPPLYING STUDENTS IN NEED

A PROGRAM OF THE FOUNDATION FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

July 5 – September 30, 2021

Tools 4 Seminole Schools provides free school and classroom supplies to every Seminole County public school through the Free Store for teachers.

The Need:

More than 50% of students in Seminole County – over 33,000 – participate in the free and reduced meals program. Of this number, more than 1,700 are identified as homeless. Families are struggling to provide the basics (food, clothing, shelter), so many times their household budgets don't cover backpacks and school supplies. Given the current economic situation, we anticipate a greater need for our most vulnerable students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dedicated teachers try to help by spending on average \$750 - \$1,000 of their own money on supplies for their students and classrooms.

It's Easy to Help:

Our goal is to keep our shelves stocked all year with new school supplies, but we need support from the community.

- Organize a traditional supply drive collecting school supplies at your business, professional association or civic group for two-weeks between July 5 – September 30.
- Host a virtual supply drive asking co-workers, friends and family members to purchase supplies from our [Virtual School Supply Drive site](#) during a two week period between July 5 – September 30.
- Make a financial donation and we'll leverage the funds to purchase the supplies at deep discounts. [Donate Online](#) or by checks payable to The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools, note T4SS Supply Drive in the memo line.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FAQ'S

Why give the supplies to The Foundation for SCPS and Tools 4 Seminole Schools?

Our partnership with the school district allows us to work with leadership at every school in the district, year-round, so we have first-hand knowledge of exactly what school supplies are needed for students at each school. In addition, it ensures that each student and teacher is given the school supplies and classroom tools needed for them to have a successful school day and productive school year.

Who receives the supplies?

We focus on the schools that have the children with the highest needs. Teachers in schools with more than 60% of students on the free and reduced meals program receive increased access to the store to pick up supplies. However, we do support **ALL** schools to meet their needs.

When should we hold our School Supply Drive?

Our campaign runs July 5 – September 30, but the timing of your two-week supply drive is up to you. Whether you want to help us start the school year in August, or wait until the clearance sales at local retailers in September, you'll be providing school supplies we need to operate the store the entire school year.

What supplies do you need the most?

Top list of needed supplies:

- 12 pack - #2 pencils
- 12 pack – color pencils
- 24 pack – crayons
- Student scissors
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks
- 8/10 pack – color markers
- Pocket folders
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- Wide ruled spiral notebook
- Ink pens – black or blue packs
- Dry erase markers

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How do we deliver the supplies?

For traditional supply drives, call **407-320-7768** or email **Becky_Miller@scps.us** to schedule dropping off your donations. For everyone's health and safety, we'll be following all current CDC guidelines.

If you are hosting a virtual supply drive through our **[Virtual School Supply Drive site](#)**, we'll leverage the collected funds to buy the supplies donors selected at deep discounts from a variety of vendors.

Event Timeline

1. Schedule your School Supply Drive (2 weeks is ideal).
2. For traditional supply drives, create an eye-catching Collection Box and place in a convenient location.
3. Promote the drive with flyers and posters, texts, tweets and emails. Parts of this Toolkit can be used in your promotions and are available electronically.
4. Accept financial donations as part of the drive, or better yet, have a small fundraiser.
5. For traditional supply drives, take a photo of all supplies collected and schedule your donation delivery.



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VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE TO HELP STUDENTS IN SEMINOLE COUNTY

Join me in purchasing supplies for students in need off the Tools 4 Seminole Schools' [Virtual School Supply Drive site](#)

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