



Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We have an exciting year ahead of us, and part of a successful academic year involves having the right materials for school supplies.

Middle school is an important time to learn organizational skills, especially using tools that best fit each student's style and preference. A best practice at Valor is to have a pencil case that includes items used in each class: pencils, pens, sharpener, erasers and scissors that can be carried from class to class. Except where noted specifically for a class in the list, students are expected to have a binder or notebook system to keep track of classwork, handouts, worksheets and homework for each class.

One of the exciting privileges of middle school is having a locker. Many students get excited about decorating their lockers, so you might want to add other fun items to your shopping list, including locker organizers and decoration. A locker shelf that is smaller than 12" x 12" (length x width) should fit. ***Please do not purchase any permanent stickers/wallpaper or decorations that cannot be taken out at the end of the year.***

Sixth graders may continue using rolling backpacks, but we recommend that all middle school students eventually use soft backpacks without wheels. We suggest buying a sturdy one with strong, comfortable straps. This will be where students keep their binder, pencil case and other "light" items with them; textbooks and subject-specific items can be taken out and put in their lockers during breaks and carried from class to class. Backpacks must be stored either in lockers or hung on hooks when not in use.

Each student is required to bring their own chromebook and charger. It is expected that the student will bring home the chromebook each night for homework assignments and to be recharged. Students should keep the chargers with them at all times (not left in classrooms or lockers) and brought home for recharging their chromebook. One suggestion (not required) is to have two chargers – one for home and one for school. ***Please label both the chromebook and charger with the student's name*** (as many chargers are known to walk away throughout the school year.) Students will be allowed to recharge chromebooks at school using their own chargers, but it is best practice to start the day with a fully charged chromebook.

The supply & tech fee of \$60 goes towards the student planner, shared supplies in the classroom, GoGuardian subscription and etextbooks.

Thank you for your support as we begin an exciting school year!

Sincerely,

Valor Christian Academy Middle School Teachers and Administrative Staff

SUPPLY LIST

6th – 8th GRADE

***Label each item (except individual pens & pencils) with your child's name.**

Materials	Quantity for Student Personal Use *Recommended Quantity	Description
\$60.00 supply & tech fee		Charges will be processed through FACTS (This fee covers student planner, shared classroom supplies, GoGuardian subscription renewal and e-textbook fees.)
Chromebook & Charger	1	Be sure both chromebook and charger are labeled with name. *Recommended to have one charger at home and one to take to school.
3-Ring Binder	One-2" binder	Student may choose between using one large binder (2.0" or more) for all 5 core classes *Zipper binder recommended or one small 1" binder for each class.
Tab Dividers	1 5-Tab pk	If using one binder for all subjects. Not needed if using separate binders for each subject.
Pencil Pouch / Case	1	Recommended: Filled with these items daily: 2 pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, scissors, highlighter, stapler, pencil lead (if using mechanical pencil)
Bible	1	ESV (English Standard Version)
Scissors	1 pair	
College-Ruled Lined Paper	1-5 packs	100 ct. pack: Students should have on hand a 1 pack supply of paper and replenish as needed throughout the year.
Book Cover	1	For math textbook (can be homemade).
No. 2 Pencils	1 dz*	Students may use mechanical pencils instead. If choosing a mechanical pencil for personal use, students still need to bring in 1 dz #2 pencils for classroom supply. Students need to keep a supply of lead replacement for personal use.

Pens	1 dz*	Student's preference for notes; assignments turned into teachers must be in ink that is black or blue
Dry Erase Markers	2-3 pen	EXPO Brand preferred - for personal use (For use in Science)
Colored Pencils	1 pack	Any brand with basic colors - Keep a set of colored pencils in backpack.
Graph paper	1 pack*	Will use in math class with coordinate graphing. Can also wait to buy until needed.
Highlighters	2-3 pens*	Students' preference
Eraser	1	
Index Cards	1 pack*	3 x 5" any color with lines (For use in Bible)
Mini stapler/staples	1*	To remain in student's pencil case
Pencil sharpener	1*	Choose a pencil sharpener that catches pencil shavings. Not needed if using mechanical pencils.
Sticky notes	2 packs	Bible & ELA - will use sticky notes throughout the school year. Students should always have 2 pads on hand.
Journal (Bible)	1	Can be used for all middle school years. Preferable to have durable binding.

Chromebook Information:

- At least a 11.6" screen
- 4 GB ram (or more)
- Built-in Wifi 802.11ac (wifi capability)
- Auto Update Expiration (AUE) must be through your child's 8th grade year. *All chrome devices receive automatic updates that enhance both the device and software. Updates provide the latest features and keeps the device secure.*