

# Tampa Bay School Supply Drive 2026 Toolkit



## Drop-off Events

### Hillsborough County

Date: Friday, July 31  
Hillsborough Education Foundation  
2306 N Howard Ave  
Tampa, FL  
Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Pinellas County

Date: Friday, July 10  
Hosted by:  
Tampa Bay Rays  
Tropicana Field  
Time: TBD

Date: Friday, July 31  
Pinellas Education Foundation  
12090 Starkey Rd  
Largo, FL  
Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Benefitting:



Pinellas Education Foundation



## About the Campaign

The Tampa Bay School Supply Drive ensures that students with the greatest need have the tools to succeed in the new school year. Recognizing that thousands of families in our area struggle to afford these critical supplies, Hillsborough Education Foundation and Pinellas Education Foundation are partnering to support students on both sides of the Bay.

Nearly 200,000 economically disadvantaged students attend Hillsborough and Pinellas County public schools. Given the financial hardships of recent years, this summer's school supply drive is more important than ever. You can make a direct impact on students' academic achievements by hosting a supply drive with your business/organization.

Thank you for your support!



# Ways to Help



## Host a Drive:

**Collect school supplies at your business, organization or in your neighborhood and drop them off at one of our Tampa Bay School Supply Drive events.**

## Make a Monetary Donation at [TBSchoolSupplyDrive.com](https://TBSchoolSupplyDrive.com):

**Encourage your staff to make a cash donation on our website and note it is part of your company's supply drive.**

## Shop from our Amazon Wish Lists:

**[Hillsborough Education Foundation](#)**

**[Pinellas Education Foundation](#)**



### About Hillsborough Education Foundation:

Every child deserves access to the best possible education. But today, this fundamental right remains out of reach for too many young people in our community. HEF works to ensure every student in Hillsborough County receives an outstanding public education that equips them for a fulfilling future. By unlocking opportunities for students, investing in teachers, & strengthening public schools, we'll make HCPS one of the best places to learn & teach, where 100% of students graduate with the ability to pursue anything they want. Learn more at [EducationFoundation.com](https://EducationFoundation.com).





### About Pinellas Education Foundation:

Established in 1986, Pinellas Education Foundation is a nationally recognized non-profit committed to transforming students' lives, empowering them to achieve their full potential, and providing teachers with the resources they need. With Pinellas County Schools and community partners, we work tirelessly to accelerate educational achievement for all students. Our programs begin with an emphasis on early literacy through the intricate pathways of college and career readiness. Learn more at [PinellasEducation.org](https://PinellasEducation.org).

### About Hillsborough County Public Schools

-  213,000+ students enrolled
-  55% of students are economically disadvantaged
-  3rd largest school district in Florida
-  More than 24,000 employees, including 12,000+ instructional staff

### About Pinellas County Schools

-  85,000+ students enrolled
-  66% of students are economically disadvantaged
-  9th largest school district in Florida
-  Nearly 14,000 employees, including 6,553 instructional staff



# Requested School Supplies

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Backpacks               | Notebook/Filler Paper |
| Binders (1" & 2")       | Paper (Copy & Graph)  |
| Colored Pencils (12 ct) | Pencils               |
| Composition Books       | Pencil Boxes          |
| Crayons (24 ct)         | Pencil Sharpeners     |
| Erasers (Cap & Pink)    | Pens                  |
| Glue (Bottles & Sticks) | Pocket Folders        |
| Highlighters            | Rulers                |
| Index Cards             | Scissors              |
| Markers                 | Spiral Notebooks      |






## Sample Email Language

*Here's a sample email to share with your organization. Feel free to edit to fit your needs.*

This year (**insert business/organization name**) is partnering with the Pinellas and Hillsborough education foundations to collect school supplies for students in our community. The Tampa Bay School Supply Drive ensures that students with the greatest need have the tools to succeed in the new school year. We hope you'll join us in supporting this important cause!

Here are 3 ways you can help:

1. Donate supplies in person. We'll be collecting supplies from (**insert date**) to (**insert date**). Drop off your donations at (**insert location**).
2. Purchase school supplies through Amazon to have them shipped directly to Hillsborough Education Foundation or Pinellas Education Foundation.
3. Make a monetary donation at [TBSchoolSupplyDrive.com](http://TBSchoolSupplyDrive.com) and the education foundations will purchase the supplies for you.

-  \$10 can supply 200 pencils to help support students' learning
-  \$50 can provide a student with a backpack filled with essential school supplies
-  \$100 can support a teacher with crucial classroom resources
-  \$250 can provide art supplies for an entire classroom
-  \$500 can fund an engaging and hands-on STEAM kit for a Pre-K—5 class.

# Sample Social Media

Don't forget to tag **Hillsborough Education Foundation** and **Pinellas Education Foundation** in your posts.



Facebook:

@EducationFoundation  
@PinellasEducation



Instagram:

@HillsEduFnd  
@PinellasEd



X:

@HillsEduFnd  
@PinellasEd



LinkedIn:

@Hillsborough Education Foundation  
@Pinellas Education Foundation

## Facebook & LinkedIn:



Public

Each year, @Hillsborough Education Foundation and @Pinellas Education Foundation collect thousands of school supplies that many students need to be successful. They are collecting donations now online and in person at locations throughout Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Learn more about how to donate by visiting [TBSchoolSupplyDrive.com](https://www.tbschoolsupplydrive.com)

Add to your post



## X:

We're collecting school supplies for students through @HillsEduFnd and @PinellasEd.

Shop through Amazon and have items shipped directly to them. Shop here: [amzn.to/3yninnS](https://amzn.to/3yninnS) or [amzn.to/3GKwHLY](https://amzn.to/3GKwHLY).

Everyone can reply



Tweet

## Instagram:



We're partnering with @HillsEduFnd and @PinellasEd to collect school supplies for students in Tampa Bay. We'll be collecting supplies from (insert date) to (insert date). Drop off your donations at (insert location). Join us as we support students when they head back to class this fall!



This toolkit provides the materials needed to host a drive. If you need more support or have questions, please contact:

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