

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUDGET PLANNER

Set your spending limit before you shop, then track what you actually spend.

Family / Child: _____	School Year: _____
Back-to-School Budget: \$ _____	Date Started: _____

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Notes
Clothing	\$	\$	\$	
Footwear	\$	\$	\$	
Backpack	\$	\$	\$	
Lunch bag / lunch gear	\$	\$	\$	
School supplies	\$	\$	\$	
Electronics / specialty items	\$	\$	\$	
School fees / activities	\$	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$	

MY BACK-TO-SCHOOL TOTALS

Total budget	\$	
Total spent	\$	
Amount under / over budget	\$	

BEFORE I BUY

1. What do we already have that still fits or works? _____
2. What truly needs replacing now? _____
3. What can wait for a later sale or another pay period? _____
4. One item my child would most like to have new: _____

CBB TIP: A back-to-school budget is a spending plan, not a contest to spend the least. Prioritize what your child needs, reuse what still works, and leave room for a few things that make the new school year feel special.