

Welcome to Hiawatha 8A

Greetings, Hiawatha eighth graders!

We hope you are enjoying your summer vacation. We are all looking forward to an awesome school year with you. All Hiawatha 8 teachers use email and other electronic resources as our main forms of communication. Our email addresses are below.

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Important Locker and Backpack Information

- All 8th-grade students will need a combination or a number lock for their locker.
- Backpacks - Students will not be allowed to use backpacks during the school day. All materials and supplies will need to be kept in their locker.

Supply List

We realize that many families like to shop for school supplies when they are on sale in August, so we have compiled a list of items you will need for your classes. **Please have the following supplies on the first day of school so that we can organize our materials together.** Some items may need to be replenished as the year goes on.

Item	Quantity	For:
Zippered pencil holder	1	All classes
Three-ring binder: 2 inches	2	Math 8/Algebra and Science 8/Bio
Tab dividers	10	Math 8/Algebra (5) and Science 8/Bio (5)
Erasers (latex free)	1 pkg	All classes
Scientific calculator: TI-30x IIS	1	Science 8/Bio/Math 8 ONLY ***see below***
<i>*Graphing Calculator: TI-84+</i>	1	Algebra only **see below**
Highlighters (multicolored)	2 pkgs	All classes
2-Pocket folders (any brand/color)	3	ELA and Social Studies
#2 pre-sharpened pencils	1 pkg of 24 (minimum)	Homeroom
#2 pencils	one dozen	All classes
Colored pencils	2 pkgs of 24+	All classes
12+ Markers (any brand/style)	2 pkgs	All Classes
Black Sharpie	2	All Classes
Low odor Expo dry erase markers	1 pkg	Homeroom
Tissues	3 boxes	Homeroom, All Classes
Wired headphones, earbuds (must have)	1	All classes
Combination lock	1	Homeroom

If you are able and willing to donate, we are always in need of pencils, colored pencils, markers, and tissues. They disappear so quickly. Thank you in advance!

***We would like to **strongly** suggest that you purchase the **TI-30X IIS** scientific calculator for your student for use in both math and science classes. This is the same calculator as students used in 7th grade. Calculators will be available during math class time, but we cannot send calculators home with students. The NYS mathematics test for 8th graders allows the use of a calculator on the entire exam, and we feel it is important for each student to have his/her own calculator for math and science, especially for home use. We will be doing in-class calculator lessons with the students using **only this particular model** and it would be most beneficial to the students if they were able to follow these classroom instructions. This model allows the user to see what has been entered on the display screen and scroll back into prior work.

***For **algebra** students, we would like to **strongly** suggest that you purchase the **TI-84 Plus** graphing calculator for students to use in math class. Calculators will be available during math class time, but we cannot send calculators home with students. The NYS Algebra Regents exam for 8th graders allows the use of a calculator on the entire exam, and we feel it is important for each student to have his/her own calculator for math, especially for home use. Many of the topics covered in algebra will require the use of the graphing calculator. We will be doing in-class calculator lessons with the students using **only this particular model** and it would be most beneficial to the students if they were able to follow these classroom instructions. This model allows the user to see what has been entered on the display screen and scroll back into prior work.

Students are allowed to have a different calculator, but it will be their responsibility to keep their owner's manual and learn how to use their own calculator.