

School supply recommendations
(English Translation of file)

Recommendations
Safety when purchasing school supplies

General Recommendations

Commercial Establishment
Choosing Products

- It is recommended to go to formal establishments and retail stores.
 - It is recommended to keep the proof of purchase of the products, in order to enforce the guarantee
 - It is suggested to pay attention to product labeling, which should detail the following information on the marketer, manufacturer, importer:
 - I. Company name;
 - II. Fiscal taxpayer registration number (issued by the competent authority);
 - III. Information/contact data, for inquiries or claims related to the product; and,
 - IV. Country of manufacture.
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- The labels or packaging of the products must indicate the following information:
 - i. Name of the product (type of product and brand);
 - ii. Instructions for use of the products must be written in the official language (for the case of Peru, Spanish language) and in legible font size (it is the responsibility of the supplier to attach the corresponding translation, for products that are in another language).
 - iii. Warnings/Precautions
 - iv. Clear and precise instructions on their use.
 - v. User's minimum age
 - vi. National Registration Numbers and Health Approval (granted by the authority)
 - vii. Best before date
 - viii. Well-sealed packaging
 - It is recommended that the designs of the products for purchase are easy for children to use in order to eliminate the risk of discomfort or injury in their use.
 - In the case of young children, it is recommended to avoid products that contain sharp edges, as well as small pieces that detach that may be ingested or aspirated.

- The products must not release dyes, vapors or glues when handling them. They may be toxic.
 - You should buy products that are not toxic. Therefore the label must confirm that they have the corresponding Health Registration and Authorization
 - Before purchasing products, it is recommended to visit the Consumer Authority web portal of Alerts of the country and other competent authorities for alerts. Also visit the CSHN web portal of alerts (SIAR)
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Recommendations based on the type of school product

School desk supplies

In the case of imported products, they must have an official authorization to be imported, issued by the competent Health Authority (in the case of Peru, the General Health Directorate of the Ministry of Health).

Pencils, crayons, colored pencils and b0-colored pencils

- It should be ensured that these products do not show cracks or fissures in the paint that covers them.
 - Pencil erasers should not be easily detached from the pencil cap.
 - It is recommended to buy the age-appropriate version, for example, for the youngest children it is recommended that crayons are thicker and smaller in size.
 - Preferably consider the possibility of acquiring ergonomic pencils (triangular shape), which adapt to the natural position that children assume when handling them.
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Markers

- The tip must not be deformed or submerged.
 - The ink should not be dry nor should it run off at the tip of the marker.
 - The cap must close firmly.
 - Ensure that the odors they give off are not very strong.
 - Ensure the non-toxicity condition of the products.
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Erasers

- They must be flexible, not easily broken when handled.
 - Products that are sold with aromas and shapes of various objects must not have very strong odors that induce biting.
 - It is recommended that products do not produce smudges when erasing.
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Liquid glue

- They must have an applicator and preferably be small in nature.
 - They must not release unpleasant or very strong odors.
 - Make sure that the glue caps are properly closed, and that they close properly.
 - It is recommended that, in the case of liquids, they have an applicator or dispenser.
 - The liquid glue has a fluid but thick consistency; free of cream, lumps or sediments.
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Acrylics, plasticine and/or moldable masses

- Observe the non-toxicity condition of the products
 - Buy plasticine that is in a plastic air-tight wrap, since this will also maintain its softness and consistency for a longer time.
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Scissors

- In the case of children of pre-school age, it is recommended that they only use scissors with a blunt tip and a lower edge angle than that of a knife is recommended.
 - It is recommended to observe the size of the product, in proportion to the hand of the child who will handle it.
 - That the scissors indicate that they are for school use.
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Backpacks

- Take note of the ergonomics of the backpacks, so that they are easily adaptable.
- Take note of the strength of the material, in proportion to the amount of weight to be carried.