



Everglades Elementary 2026-27 FAQ about School Supply Packs from EPI

Why buy with EPI?

Purchasing our custom packs from EPI by our preorder deadline of 6/16 guarantees you the MOST SAVINGS. So BUY EARLY to benefit from this program!

When will packs be distributed to families?

This year, our EPI sale offers more convenience than ever! Packs ordered by 6/16 ship DIRECTLY to your home! No need to plan on coming to school in August for a pick-up event. Your customized pack arrives at your door!.

Why not deliver the packs straight to my child's classroom?

Good question! Everglades is a large school, and we know you have spent your money to equip your child with the tools for success next year. Our Everglades teachers explicitly require families to label all of their child's items clearly. We expect families to take the time and trouble to label their students' belongings well, to make the school year smoother for your child and their teachers alike.

I notice that this year's packs cost more than last year's packs. Why?

You are right - they do cost more, and there are a few reasons. For one, after the success of last year's program, our teachers took an interest in tailoring their specific grade-level and program packs more carefully than last time. You will note that this year, teachers are requesting more specific brand-name supplies on their lists - so we have built our EPI packs in line with their requests.

However - we have price-compared our packs against two major market-leading retailers for online shopping ...one starts with an "A," and the other starts with a "W". And - even with tax and shipping, our EPI packs beat their prices by over \$30! Plus, they saved us over 30-45 minutes on average in time spent hitting the "add to cart" button - and, there were no "sorry, item out of stock" messages. Our EPI packs are still the winner in pricing, convenience, and time saved for busy families.

Why are some grade levels' packs more expensive than others?

Our EPI packs have been designed to the specifications of each grade level and programs' instructions. Even if you were to shop at another retailer, you would find there to be differences in the pricing for different grades, simply because each grade is unique and has different needs.

I am a parent of an incoming Pre-K student. Which class will my child be in, and which pack do I buy?

Please contact the Everglades Elementary front office to assist you at (754) 323-5600.

What about Specials classes? Last year, my 2nd-5th grade student needed a separate pack for Specials.

We are happy to share that for the 2026-27 school year, all 2nd-5th grade packs INCLUDE the supplies for Specials,

Do EPI packs contain absolutely EVERYTHING?!

Well, no. EPI packs contain all the consumable supplies your child will need. But personal items like school bags, lunch boxes, sweatshirts, etc. are not included. Additionally, some classes and programs (like 4th grade Gifted, for example) require extra reading materials to be chosen and purchased by each family - like the SSYRA novels. Please consult your specific grade-level list issued by the school. All lists are available for download on the Everglades Elementary website.

I still have questions!

Wonderful! We are here to help. Email ptaeverglades@gmail.com, and a PTA team member will reply as soon as we can!