

Back to School Fashion

# LOOKING SMART

SEND YOUR CHILDREN  
BACK TO CLASS  
WITH CONFIDENCE  
IN TRENDY,  
AGE-APPROPRIATE  
STYLES AND THE  
LATEST ACCESSORIES.

**T**exas is firecracker-hot, so thoughts of heading back to school may be the furthest thing from your swimming-pool mind-set right now.

Don't worry. Sit back and relax. We have shopped for back-to-school looks that your scholar will want to sport when that school bell rings.

For the elementary school fashionista, girls love patterned dresses combined with pretty sandals, suede booties or colored tennis or athletic shoes. Cute comfort T-shirts are also a favorite when teamed with brightly colored shorts or skirts. The younger guys love to sport polo shirts, plaid shirts, boat shoes or high-top canvas tennies. Athletic tees with matching shorts or cotton pants round out the looks. Don't forget a fun water bottle with a monogram or action figure theme. You can't go wrong with a Spider-Man backpack or lunch bag.

The middle school set loves fashion, too. Girls love the comfort of leggings with a cute T-shirt to team up with Adidas Superstars or white Converse. Print dresses are another school hit, along with flannel shirts to pull over fun patch jeans when the Texas sun begins to retreat. Add a canvas-edged backpack, sequin-style backpack or

crossbody purse to ensure some playful fun for the school days ahead. Guys like athletic fabric T-shirts teamed with khaki or navy shorts to face fall looking cool.

Girls head to high school in trendy patterned shirts in prints like cactus, pineapple or flamingo paired with white pants or jeans. Trendy flowing tops and striped T-shirt dresses, accessorized with small necklaces and shopping tote-shaped lunch boxes, set the stage for the best school vibe.

Skinny jeans with interest, like torn at the bottom, are the rage too. Camo accents are still popular in T-shirts and accessories.

Cuff skinny jeans and add a solid colored T-shirt or a casual button-down shirt to make sure your guy is looking his best in the school hallways this fall. When the weather cools, top those jeans with a denim jacket or bomber jacket.

Sporting the latest kicks is still pretty cool for all ages heading back to school. Stylish sneakers are showing up on both girls and boys, combining comfort and fashion.

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**GRADE SCHOOL MODELS:  
JACKSON DOSKOCIL AND  
PAYTON DOSKOCIL**

Make the grade that first day of school with plaid and khakis. Fashion details like elastic at the bottom of jogger pants paired with a button-down shirt and cool high-tops, will surely get Jackson an A. **Ralph Lauren button-down shirt**, \$39.50, Belk. **Khaki jogger pants**, \$24.95, **high-top sneakers**, \$29.95, and **Spider-Man lunch box**, \$14.95, all from The Children's Place.

The fall colors of Payton's embroidered print yoke dress and suede bootie will soon match the turning leaves. Until then, sparkle up back-to-school with a glitter star hairclip and purse, loaded with emojis. **True Craft embroidered print dress**, \$49.50, Belk. **Emoji purse**, \$22.90, and **Ooahooah glitter star hairclip**, \$14, both from Pickled Pink Boutique. **Fringe burgundy bootie**, \$29.95, The Children's Place.



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### MIDDLE SCHOOL MODELS: GRACE BOLTON AND MAKENNA URANGA

Grace is pretty in pink! This swing plaid flannel cardigan shirt is striking with these adorable patch jeans. Pink is the color on the slip-on sneaker and backpack. Back to school is beginning to look so fun when sporting such cool and comfortable looks. **Plaid fringe waterfall cardigan:** \$30, Justice. **Indigo Rein patch cuffed skinny jeans:** \$44, Belk. **White Birch front-tie tee:** \$39; and **Restricted slip-on sneakers:** \$49, both from Social Rose. **Madden Girl backpack:** \$39.95, DSW.

Set a new trend as you dazzle up your school spirit. Makenna sparkles in style with shimmer and shine. For a cool twist to the back-to-school scene, add some metallic and sequins on a bomber jacket, shoes and backpack. The zip-front detailed denim skirt is perfect with popular embroidered cowl neck sleeveless top. Unicorns take over with this popular backpack. Metallic sneakers are always a fashion hit.

**Unicorn hooded bomber jacket:** \$39.90, and **shimmer unicorn backpack:** \$34.50, both from Justice. **Free People denim skirt:** \$50, and **True Craft embroidered tank:** \$40, both from Belk. **Lime light metallic sneakers:** \$44.99, Rack Room Shoes.







The fluffy pom-pom flamingo is not just for fun, it's also a portable power bank that can be used to recharge in style. Use your light-up rubber phone flasher for an easy find in your book bag. **TechTastic portable power bank**, \$19.90, Justice. **Rockin' Candy phone flasher**, \$14.95, Pickled Pink Boutique

Bring out your animal instincts with leopard print. You will dine in fabulous style sporting your leopard print water bottle and lunchbox. **Leopard print emoji lunch box**, \$12.95, and **leopard print water bottle**, \$12.95, both from The Children's Place.



You might get hungry before lunch carrying this vinyl doughnut lunch bag. It's fun and perfect for doughnut lovers everywhere. **Iscream doughnut print vinyl lunch bag**, \$21.90, Pickled Pink Boutique.



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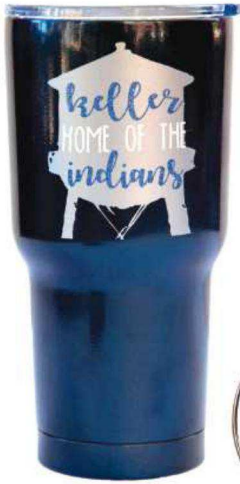
### HIGH SCHOOL MODELS: ALEXIS HOLT AND PETE LOWERY

Alexis will stand out in any hallway with this outfit. Camo is making a statement with a soft T-shirt and leather camo drop earrings. Wear the latest skinny jeans with a trendy torn bottom. Don't forget your piped backpack and favorite booties to finish off your back-to-school style. **William Rast ruffled bottom jacket:** \$159.50, Belk. **Camo tee:** \$9.99, Rue 21. **Articles of Society unfinished ankle jeans:** \$79, and **Farmhouse leather camo drop earrings:** \$34; both from Social Rose. **Jon Hart backpack:** \$152, Hoola Hoops. **Sam Edelman bootie:** \$89.95, DSW.

When those cooler winds start blowing, turn to denim. Pete's denim jacket with its piping and tucking is a real crowd-pleaser. Add a graphic baseball tee and skinny jeans to join the latest craze along with classic Vans. The only thing you will need to listen to while doing all that homework are your styling headphones. **William Rast denim jacket:** \$99.49, Belk. **Carbon graphic baseball tee:** \$21.99, and **Carbon jeans:** \$25.99, both from Rue 21. **Black and white classic Vans:** \$54.99, Rack Room Shoes. **Skullcandy Hesh 2 headphones:** \$75.99, Best Buy.







Want some school spirit? Try sipping from this Arctic tumbler with the popular Keller water tower design to show your school spirit. And you can't go wrong when you wear your school's silver button bracelet while carrying this tasseled, soft leather book bag.

**Keller High School Arctic tumbler:** \$55, and **Farmhouse leather tote bag:** \$440, both from Social Rose.

**Keller High School button bracelet:** \$18, Hoola Hoops. Other schools available.



This tasseled, soft leather book bag is all the rage, for those who don't want to hassle with backpacks.

**Farmhouse leather tote bag:** \$440, from Social Rose.



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