

Back To Cool

Way back when, getting ready to go “back to school” was a huge thing. Mom and Dad made sure you had all your supplies for school, as well as, some new clothes for day to day wear. In case you didn’t know it, Goodwill Store & Donation Centers are **The Official Outfitter** for back to school. With the ever changing array of clothing as well as backpacks, shoes, and accessories, it has never been easier to get your kid, and yourself on track for back to school preparations. In the following series of articles we will give you the tips you need for keeping your kids on top of the fashion trends.

Tots!

As we all know, even little children have opinions on what they will and will not wear to daycare, pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. Knowing what their needs are will help you as a parent to allow them some freedom in choosing some of their own “back to school” items. I would suggest making a list and bringing it with you to the Goodwill store next time you’re shopping. Take inventory of what your child has that may be utilized again and fill in the gaps from there.

Let your children shop with you and let them know your rules as well as what you will be looking for. Help them learn that mixing and matching their clothing can be fun and creative. Engaging your children in the activity of getting ready for their day will definitely help avoid the struggles of “I don’t want to wear that!”



Let's start with outerwear. A great down vest in a bright color is a smart choice for the transition from fall to winter and back to spring again. So many choices your child will be happy to wear it. You might also like to look for fleece hoodies to layer with the vest, as the weather gets colder too!



Knits would include everything from t-shirts to sweaters and are they always a good layering tool. Look for polo's and ringer tees for the boys, and tanks and camis for the girls. Long sleeved thin knits also work great as foundation pieces.

Denim, jeans for all I say! Also be on the lookout for jackets, vests, and skirts for the girls. Denim is the most universally cool item you can get for your kid, so choose a few pairs of jeans so they have some variety.



Button down shirts in plaid flannel for the boys are not only a hot trend at every age, but practical and easy to pair and layer with other items.

Dresses for girls would include, jumpers, knits and shirtdresses. These may also be paired with so many other items that they become a very useful wardrobe staple.



Accessories like backpacks and totes may also be found at the Goodwill store. Make sure however that the backpack you choose is not too large for your little one to handle!

Shoes, boots and athletic shoes, may also be found at the store, so scan the racks to see what you can score for your little one.

Even though they may be small, allowing them the opportunity of helping to choose what you purchase at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center can start your child on the path to making other choices as they grow up. Whatever you buy, you'll definitely save money and headaches when it comes to outfitting your tot for "back to cool!"

