

## Back To Cool Part 2

Tweens and teens make up a huge part of the population, and have for generations helped to determine cultural and fashion trends. They follow the most popular teen idols, like Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers. They pay close attention to the style the stars sport for everyday, as well as red carpet events. In other words, they know what they want when it comes to dressing for school. Why not be the most "with it" parent on the block and give your kid a Goodwill Gift Card for back to school? At the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center, your choosy children can find the latest looks for a lot less. I've rounded up the top teen trends and how to put it all together. Of course, your teens will want to adapt the looks to suit their own "personal style!"



### Jeans

Jeans are basics for everyday school wear. They are the foundation of style for boys and girls alike. Dressed up or down, they always work hard for you! Trending big for another season is the skinny jean. Seen on Miley Cyrus AND those Jonas boys, it seems as though this is a "must have" for the Middle or High School hipster. I've also spied a lot of different washes from light acid wash, to dark and distressed. Just make sure your school approves before wearing anything too destroyed to class. Short jeans skirts have made a comeback. Seen on the runway at DKNY, they look best when worn with leggings or tights to keep it a little more modest. Any and all of the above may be paired with funky tops, jackets, sweaters or just a basic t-shirt so you just can't lose—your cool that is!





### Dresses

Dresses are the ladylike alternative to jeans. Seen in bright colors and patterns, they may be worn with leggings, or even over your skinny jeans. Cardigans are worn over them when the weather gets a little chilly, and the up to the minute way to style them is with an ankle bootie to help give it a little “edge!”



### Do it Bright

Bright pops of color for accessories are vogue as well. Try a bright laptop or messenger bag for the guys, and colorful flip-flops and backpacks for the girls. On Chris Brown at the Teen Choice Awards we see the bright red jeans worn with a simple black t-shirt and groovy neck scarf.



### **Leather Jackets**

Motorcycle punk, or sophisticated trench, you'll really stand out when you layer one of these jackets over your t-shirt and jeans. Always make sure that the fit is just right. Leather coats and jackets look best when they're a little on the snug side.



### **Boots**

Leather boots in black, and rich brown run the gamut from flat riding looks, to chunky wedge heeled ankle boots. For guys, the classic Frye boot, or even a military issue combat boot will take you from fall to winter and back to spring again, so choose wisely!



## **Military**

Military inspiration is still the hot ticket for guys and girls. From cotton canvas to velvet, look for details like epaulets on the shoulder, and big cargo pockets with buttons. Avoid camouflage because I personally feel it looks too "army" or "hunter" for my taste.



So parents, take your stylish kids to the Goodwill Store & Donation Center near you and let them have a school shopping spree all of their own. Just let them know that you'll need to approve of what they buy, but they can do all the choosing. Make sure to also let them know that by shopping at Goodwill the revenue from the stores help support Goodwill programs for disabled or disadvantaged people in their community. You'll be the most awesome parent ever, and what can be cooler than that!

