



KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS/PTA TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT

709 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN 37923

Located at the back entrance of the former Cedar Bluff Intermediate School

Phone: 470-0750 Website: www.teachersupplydepot.org

Knox County Schools and Knox County Council PTA offer a very remarkable service to the teachers and their assistants in our Knox County public schools. The Teacher Supply Depot is a collection and distribution center of new and pre-used materials donated by businesses and individuals.

Since our first opening to teachers in January 2001, over 8,000 teachers/teacher assistants estimate they have received over 2.1 million dollars worth of materials for their classroom free of charge. Often the basic tools for learning are lacking and we try to supplement those needs -- pens, pencils, markers, glue, paper, art materials, binders, staples, and much more. The depot collects, consolidates, and organizes donated supplies so that teachers and their assistants are provided free supplies for their classroom at least four times during the school year.

There are many items in your home and business that are normally thrown away that teachers can use for art projects and learning tools: baby food jars, baskets and tins, beads, buttons, coffee cans, detergent scoops, costumes, clothes pins, film canisters, holiday/seasonal items, juice bottles, old calendars, stickers, and much more. **Our website contains a list of our much needed items and a list of recyclable items that not only help the earth but help the classroom.** Please remember to clean your recycled items before donating.

The depot is open year around for donations (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). We do close for school observed holidays and vacation time so we do encourage you to call prior to delivery. Our location is in back of the former Cedar Bluff Intermediate School (which is now Cedar Bluff Pre-K) at 709 N. Cedar Bluff Road. When bringing a donation, please use back entrance and do not disturb the students by using the front entrance. There is a small parking area on the back side of the building for Teacher Supply Depot use.

OUR TEACHERS NEED YOUR HELP: Supplies (new and used) are always needed. Listed below are several ways you can support our program and continue this much needed service to our Knox County teachers and teacher assistants.

1. Donate items from your home -- help the earth, help a classroom. A list of items that can be recycled and used in classroom projects can be found on our website following the "Help the Earth" link. Please clean the items before sending.
2. Donate items that you or your business can no longer use. Has your business changed its address, logo or name? Do you have a drawer full of pens, pencils, and notepads you have accumulated over time? We will gladly take these items and put them to use.
3. Donate monetarily or deliver much needed items! Prior to each opening, the depot spends donated funds to purchase new basic everyday school supplies teachers look for and need: crayons, coloring pencils, markers, staples, post-it notes, ink pens, etc. These items are typically not donated but needed in the classroom. As an individual, consider purchasing a few extra supplies to donate when preparing your students for school. Monetary donations may be mailed to the depot.
4. Volunteer time on a "Teacher Opening" day held at least four times during the school year. The doors open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed to assist teachers in taking items from the depot to their vehicles and many other ways - one hour, two hours, or all day. Teachers/Teacher Assistants start lining up real early to get a load of free supplies!
5. Conduct a supplies drive in your school, neighborhood, or place of work for our much needed items. Donations, no matter the quantity, are always needed.
6. Spread the word to your friends and workplace about the needs of our teachers and how donating to the Teacher Supply Depot you can put items into the hands of many.

We are Tennessee's first Teacher Supply Depot and we can only continue to meet the needs of our teachers and their students with your support. If you have items, money, or time to donate, please contact us via phone or email. For more information call the Teacher Supply Depot at 470-0750 or visit our website at www.teachersupplydepot.org