



LA's BEST Approved & Disapproved Donation Items

Allowed Donation Items for Elementary After-School Sites

1. School Supplies

- Pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Notebooks, composition books, drawing pads
- Glue sticks, child-safe scissors, rulers
- Construction paper, printer paper
- Folders, binders, organizers
- Dry erase markers and boards
- Storage bins, plastic containers

2. Arts & Crafts Materials

- Washable paints, brushes, aprons
- Beads, pipe cleaners, pom-poms, googly eyes
- Felt, foam sheets, yarn, popsicle sticks
- Craft kits (age-appropriate)
- Non-toxic modeling clay or Play-Doh

3. Books and Educational Materials

- Children's books (new or gently used, K-5 level)
- Puzzle books, activity books, flashcards
- Educational games (math, reading, spelling, logic)
- Learning manipulatives (counting blocks, alphabet tiles)

4. Sports & Recreation Equipment

- Balls (soccer, basketball, kickball, etc.)
- Cones, jump ropes, hula hoops
- Parachutes, bean bags, relay race equipment
- Age-appropriate board games and puzzles

5. Classroom or Group Activity Supplies

- Card games (Uno, Go Fish, etc.)
- Age-appropriate board games (e.g., Candy Land, Connect 4)
- Bingo sets, group activity kits
- Music instruments for kids (e.g., tambourines, maracas)



Disallowed Donation Items for Elementary After-School Sites

1. Food & Beverage Items

- Homemade food or baked goods
- Items containing nuts or common allergens (unless approved)
- Unsealed or expired food products
- Candy, soda, or other sugary snacks
- Energy drinks or caffeinated beverages

2. Unsafe or Inappropriate Materials

- Scissors with sharp/pointed blades
- Permanent markers, spray paint, or aerosol products
- Super glue, hot glue guns (unless mini and supervised), or industrial adhesives
- Glass containers or items that can easily break
- Latex balloons (due to allergy and choking hazards)
- Tools or equipment requiring adult supervision (e.g., power tools)

3. Toys & Games Not Age-Appropriate

- Violent or weapon-themed toys (e.g., toy guns, swords, knives)
- Video games or devices not aligned with program policies
- Toys with small parts that pose a choking hazard (for younger children)
- Gambling-related games or materials (e.g., poker chips, dice sets intended for gambling)

4. Electronics & Media

- Tablets, phones, or personal electronic devices (unless approved)
- DVDs, CDs, or books with mature or inappropriate content
- Devices that require internet access, personal data, or subscriptions
- Any item requiring student logins or that collects personal information

5. Clothing & Personal Items

- Used or secondhand clothing
- Footwear, undergarments, or personal hygiene items (unless new and specifically requested)
- Perfumes, colognes, or scented products

6. Large or Unmanageable Items

- Furniture or large appliances
- Large outdoor play structures or trampolines
- Items that require installation or storage space beyond what's available

7. Miscellaneous

- Political, religious, or branded promotional items
- Items with offensive or suggestive language/images