



# Have you heard about our Teacher Supply Store?

Since 2018, the Suffolk Education Foundation, in partnership with Suffolk Public Schools, has operated the Teacher Supply Store to support the educators and staff who serve students throughout Suffolk each day.

Each year, approximately 1,200 teachers and support staff access the store, receiving classroom supplies and educational materials that can save individual educators up to \$300 annually in out-of-pocket expenses. From basic classroom necessities to instructional resources, the Teacher Supply Store helps ensure teachers can focus more on students and less on purchasing supplies with their own funds.

Beyond the financial impact, the Teacher Supply Store has become a meaningful morale booster for Suffolk Public Schools teachers. They consistently express appreciation for a program that reminds them they are valued, supported, and seen by the broader community.

The Teacher Supply Store is made possible through grants, private contributions, community supply drives, and dedicated volunteers who help organize, stock, and staff the store each week. Suffolk Public Schools also provides operational support through a dedicated store coordinator, creating a strong partnership between the school division and the community it serves.

Together, this effort represents more than school supplies. It is an investment in teachers, classrooms, and ultimately the success of Suffolk students.

## CURRENT NEED:

Because the new John F. Kennedy Middle School is opening, our Teacher Supply Store is being moved out of the old JFKMS to make way for demolition. We are looking for a space to use in local churches or community facilities. Turn page for details.



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## Operational Premise

- Teachers can shop once a month, with 20 credits to spend on new supplies, as well as free books and donated items
- New items range from a single credit to 18 credits
- Each week, approximately 35 teachers visit the store
- The store is open on one designated day each school week for 3-4 hours (with extra hours in Aug. -Sept.)



## Operational Needs for 2026-2027 School Year

- Central location in City of Suffolk
- Open to SPS teachers after students dismiss
- Large "retail space" up to 800 sq. ft.
- Additional short-term storage
- Climate-controlled space
- Ability to maintain the space year-round
- Ability to be open to shoppers from 2pm-6pm on one designated day each school week
- Approximately 12 parking spaces for shoppers, staff, and volunteers



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