








Headphone & Headset Buying Guide



School headphones and headsets are designed for student comfort and repeated use in a classroom learning environment. Features like adjustable headbands, cushioned earpads and volume control allow students to focus on listening activities and school testing. School headsets are headphones with boom microphones that easily adjust to pick up all voice levels.

Guide to Plug Types*

DEVICE TYPE	TRRS PLUG  A single plug that combines audio & mic functions.	3.5mm STEREO PLUG  For audio functions only.	DUAL 3.5mm PLUG  Two plugs on a single cord: one for audio, one for mic.	USB PLUG  For use with computers	1/4" PLUG  Used w/ recording equipment & audio interfaces
Tablets/iPads	X	X			
Mobile Phones	X	X			
Computers	X	X		X	
CD/MP3 Players		X			
Jackboxes		X			X
Music Keyboards					X
Cassette Players/ Record Players		X			X
Any device w/separate audio & mic jacks			X		

*Always check your device(s) before purchasing new headphones or headsets as plug compatibilities can vary.

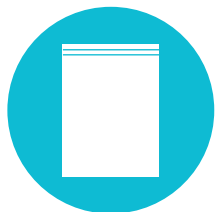
School Outfitters Tips



Padded leatherette ear cushions provide the most comfort and reduce ambient noise to keep students focused. Washable, replaceable ear cushions make school headphones easy to sanitize.



Adjustable headbands ensure a custom fit. Some headbands are padded for maximum student comfort.



Resealable storage bags prevent cords from tangling plus keep headphones clean.



Headphones with volume control let students customize their listening experience. Some styles feature individual volume controls on each earcup for precise sound adjustment.



Student age will help determine the appropriate headset. For younger students consider preschool headphones sized for smaller ears that feature tangle-free fabric cords.



Some headphones and headsets are stereo/mono switchable. This feature is best for language learning and speech-language pathology.

Headphone Styles



Headphone with Microphone

School headsets with boom microphones easily adjust to pick up all voice levels while reducing ambient noise. This is an important feature to consider if students are using microphones for test taking. Some models feature ambidextrous rotating mics that fit all left- and right-handed students comfortably.

[Shop Headphones with Microphone](#)



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Bulk Headphones

Bulk packs of headphones make it quick and easy to standardize headsets in your school. Keep everything organized and reduce the need for troubleshooting by providing identical headphones to students and teachers.

[Shop Bulk Headphones](#)



Headphone with Braided Cable

School headphones with heavy-duty fabric cords are the most durable. Braided fabric cords resist tangling and damage from chewing.

[Shop Headphones with Braided Cable](#)



Over-Ear Headphone

Comfortable and adjustable, these headphones are favored by most users. These headsets offer crisp sound through both padded earcups and an optional boom microphone. The over-ear design cuts down on surrounding noise and helps students stay focused on their listening activities.

[**Shop Over-Ear Headphones**](#)



On-Ear Headphone

Offering comfort in a compact design, on-ear headsets are adjustable, lightweight and have plush cushions perfect for any age group. These ultra-durable headphones are an affordable solution for annual student testing.

[**Shop On-Ear Headphones**](#)



Earbuds

Earbuds are a great choice for outfitting a classroom on a budget. Many come with replaceable foam or rubber ear cushions to ensure student comfort.

[**Shop Earbuds**](#)



Kids' Headphone

Preschool headphones feature smaller earcups to keep little learners comfortable. Braided fabric cords won't tangle and resist damage from chewing.

[**Shop Kids' Headphones**](#)



Testing Headphones & Headsets

Some states have specific guidelines for school testing headphones. For example, the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), requires a quality headphones with a noise-cancelling microphone. While every state is different, the common requirements include durability, volume control, tangle-free cords, padded over-ear cushions and adjustable headbands.

[**Shop Testing Headphones & Headsets**](#)



3.5mm Headphone

Headphones with 3.5mm or “mini” plugs are compatible with portable CD, MP3 and media players and can also be plugged into most computers.

[Shop 3.5mm Headphones](#)



USB Headphone

The USB, or Universal Serial Bus, is the most common type of plug for computers, portable audio players, and laptops. It is an interface that connects peripheral devices to a computer.

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