

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Trendy Fall 2007 Looks for the Style-Conscious Scholar

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Clothing trends change from year-to-year. Last year's back-to-school apparel for girls ranged from flats and cardigans to billowing peasant tops and strappy sandals. Boys trends spanned from the classic pique polos and sperry topsiders -- to printed hoodies and pumas. So what's new on the menu for this incoming school year? And, what styles remain popular and prominent?

For girls, skin-tight skinny jeans and leggings are on high demand at local stores such as Charlotte Russe and Urban Outfitters. Babydoll dresses and

shirts have become a staple in every closet. In terms of footwear, previously popular mid-shin length boots have been supplanted by cute leather ankle boots. Ballet flats and slippers remain a favorite of the back-to-school crowd. Matching totes and oversized handbags are a necessity! To top off the look, lucite jewelry, such as big bangles and earrings, can be found for cheap prices and in an assortment of colors that complement any outfit -- at clothing stores like Forever21 and H&M.

For boys, printed graphic tees from stores like Nordstrom have become a fad. Edgier graphic T-shirts can be purchased at online shops such as the

well-known Threadless.com. Shoes like Converse All-Stars, Crocs, Clark Wallabee's, and Pumas remain in popular demand. Dark-rinse and faded denim are essential to any wardrobe. Accessory options range from leather embossed and embellished belts to designer watches.

Trends for the fall season can be found on every store rack. Neutral colors - such as beige, brown, grey, and black - can be supplemented with patterned clothing to add personal flavor. As the summer weather slowly grows cooler, the fashion-forward and budget-conscious have enough autumn apparel selection in stores to create individual style.

girls



Interested in anything seen above?
Where to wear:

1 - American Eagle Ruffle Shirt from American Eagle Outfitters; <http://www.ae.com>; \$39.50

2 - Square Bangles, Heart Earrings, Beaded Necklace from Forever21; <http://www.forever21.com>; \$3.80, \$3.80 and \$5.80, respectively

3 - Lux Skinny Jean Black Handsand Denim from Urban Outfitters; <http://www.urbanoutfitters.com>; \$68.00

4 - Xhilaration Oversized Tote Handbag - Plaid from Target; <http://www.target.com>; \$19.99

5 - Carlotta-Sabina Ankle Bootie from Miss Sixty Shoewear; <http://www.missixty.com>; \$199.95 - \$350.00

boys



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Where to wear:

1 - Johnny Cupcake's Men's Boombox Graphic Tee from Johnny Cupcakes; <http://www.johnnycupcakes.com>; \$35.99

2 - Faded and Worn Static Buckle Belt from Buckle; <http://www.buckle.com>; \$29.95

3 - Rock & Republic Floyd Bootcut Jeans with Curved Back Pockets from Nordstrom; <http://www.nordstrom.com>; \$238.00

4 - PONY Retro-inspired Canvas Fabrizio Sneaker from Polo Ralph Lauren; <http://www.ralphlauren.com>; \$69.00