



## Five Star® Backpacks Created with Students in Mind

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**Innovative backpacks uniquely fit the needs of students while withstanding the wear and tear of their daily life**

KETTERING, Ohio, May 17, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- The newest Five Star® backpack line, based on the latest school supply research, incorporates highly innovative and lasting solutions from a trusted brand that is known to withstand the test of time. The unique features, such as insulated food storage and tech ports, help students carry more than just books. These backpacks work in perfect harmony with Mead® and Five Star® school supplies to help each individual student prepare for the tasks ahead. The durable, rip-resistant materials with reinforced stitching are built to withstand daily wear and tear and the backpacks have a Limited Lifetime Warranty.

Available in dark gray, cobalt, and berry.

**Five Star® Backpack + Insulated Storage** – Students often take their lunches, snacks, and drinks on-the-go to help power through their busy schedules. The Five Star® Backpack + Insulated Storage gives students a vital place to safely keep their food without taking up coveted backpack real estate and the fear of a book-crushed PB&J or crumbly chips. In addition to keeping snacks and drinks cold, the patent-pending main compartment expands to create four inches of additional storage space, allowing students to quickly and easily find their supplies. The Five Star® Backpack + Insulated Storage also features adjustable padded straps to provide support, a padded front panel for extra protection, and a separate padded compartment to keep laptops safe and secure. There are also several pockets in the front compartment to help keep smaller items organized, including a calculator, and a mesh side pocket to securely hold a water bottle.

**Five Star® Ultimate Tech Backpack** – As technology increasingly integrates into the classroom, students struggle with keeping these items organized and protected. And with more than 94 percent of high school and college students storing tech items in their backpacks, students need an on-the-go solution to keep their devices charged and secured, keeping every cord organized.

The Five Star® Ultimate Tech Backpack provides three external cord ports to keep cords untangled, whether charging several devices at once or listening to music on the go. The backpack also features earbud guides to secure and keep earbud cords tangle-free. The separate padded compartment secures and protects a laptop, while the padded front pockets store and protect smaller tech items. The patent-pending straps distribute weight evenly, helping to support heavy backpack loads comfortably. There are several pockets in the front compartment to help keep smaller items organized and a mesh side pocket to securely hold a water bottle.

**Five Star® Expandable Backpack** – The front pocket and large main compartment of the Five Star® Expandable Backpack uniquely expand to create seven inches of extra storage that every student can use. It has patent-pending comfort straps that distribute weight, allowing heavy loads to be carried with ease. The Five Star® Expandable Backpack also features a separate padded compartment for storing and protecting laptops. Constructed from water-resistant materials, other features include a patented curved zipper allowing for side access while hanging in a locker, an organization pocket for small items, and a side mesh water bottle pocket.

**Five Star® Big Mouth Backpack** – It is a fact of life that students are always looking for ways to be efficient, saving time while trying to do more. The Five Star® Big Mouth Backpack large main compartment opens quickly and easily to access everything inside the bag, even when it is hanging in a locker. Although the Five Star® Big Mouth Backpack is slim and sleek, it has large capacity to fit Mead® and Five Star® school supplies. The padded front panel provides extra protection, and the padded sleeve secures and protects laptops. The backpack also has padded adjustable straps and back in order to provide support for heavy loads of supplies and textbooks. There are several pockets in the front compartment to help keep smaller items organized and a mesh side pocket to securely hold a water bottle.

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