



Educators use the phrase “executive function” to describe a set of basic skills that involve time management, impulse control and strong organization as key components. **Teachers applying for EPAK grants this 2023 school year emphasize organizational skills as essential basics for student success.**

Students from well resourced families and schools begin the year with backpacks replete with the tools needed to achieve this level of “executive function.” **EPAK is committed to supporting our teachers as they strive to make up the difference. Our students, 86% who come from low income homes, need these basic skills AND the supplies to get there.**

Cesar Chavez Middle School Special Education teacher Carol B. explains,
“For students who have challenges with managing time and materials, a set of binders and subject dividers help students keep their comprehension activities organized. This purchase is an important support for these students. Thank you, EPAK!”

Tide Academy teacher Jennifer P. writes,
“This year I want my students to gain more skill in note-taking and color coding. During our Study Skills class last year, we created a lesson on professionalism, tidiness, and organization. The majority of students needed at least a binder. I plan on doing this lesson at the beginning of the year so students create a system that will help them to remember their homework and where classwork goes.”

EPAK funds supported by our donors will supply the materials needed to reach Jennifer’s goal for her students.

Please help our underresourced students have the tools they need to achieve success in the classroom and beyond this 2023-24 school year.



(above) Back to school at Los Robles Ronald McNair Academy in East Palo Alto

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East Palo Alto Kids Foundation (EPAK) believes that all students deserve an inspiring, engaging, and tailored classroom experience. For 30 years, we have provided grants to teachers to enhance educational opportunities for students in the Ravenswood City School District (RCSD) and public charter schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

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