

# REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

**Reusable water bottles** provide an easy way for students to get water at school and carry water with them during the day. Providing reusable water bottles may help increase students' water consumption. Reusable bottles can also be sold as a fundraiser, offering a healthy alternative to food/beverage-based fundraisers. Read below for information about what to consider when purchasing reusable water bottles.

**Material/Types:** There are five main types of reusable water bottles, with considerations for each outlined below. Note that some schools choose to only allow clear bottles so that teachers and staff can easily see what students are drinking.






	Aluminum/Steel	Soft Plastic Sport Top	Hard Plastic Screw Top	Hard Plastic Straw Top	Foldable/Collapsible
<b>Example</b>					
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durable</li> <li>• Most are free of Bisphenol A (BPA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to drink from (do not need to unscrew cap), good for sports</li> <li>• Less likely to spill</li> <li>• Relatively inexpensive</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durable</li> <li>• Easy to drink from (do not need to unscrew cap)</li> <li>• Less likely to spill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to store</li> <li>• Lightweight</li> <li>• Many options include carabineers, which can connect bottle to backpack</li> <li>• Less likely to spill</li> </ul>
<b>Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opaque, meaning teachers cannot see what students are drinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some options may contain BPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some options may contain BPA</li> <li>• More likely to spill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straw component can be hard to clean</li> <li>• Some options may contain BPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some options may contain BPA</li> <li>• Less durable</li> </ul>

**Size of Bottle:** 12- to 30-ounce (0.4L to 0.9L) bottles are appropriate for school-age children. Smaller bottles may be easier for students to carry.






**Popular Brands** include Nalgene, Sigg, Klean Kanteen, Nathan, Contigo, Bobble, Camelbak. Wholesalers and online retailers also sell inexpensive bottles in bulk volume.

**Cleaning:** Reusable bottles must be properly cleaned and fully air-dried at least once per week to ensure they don't harbor bacteria or unpleasant odors or tastes. If bottles are kept at school, teachers should take responsibility for cleaning them; otherwise, students and their parents should take responsibility.

## Popular Reusable Water Bottles

Name & Picture	Description	Approximate Price	Website & Considerations
<p>Camelbak - "eddy"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top has a bite valve and straw that lets students sip water without tipping or spilling</li> <li>• Comes in BPA-free hard plastic and in stainless steel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPA-free plastic: ~\$13 for 0.4L</li> <li>• Stainless steel: ~\$24 for 0.7L, ~\$30 for 0.5L insulated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.camelbak.com">www.camelbak.com</a></li> </ul>
<p>Klean Kanteen - "Original"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stainless steel bottle</li> <li>• Variety of tops available: sport top (shown), regular silicone cap, sippy cap, wide-mouth, and bamboo/steel cap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12oz: ~\$17</li> <li>• 18oz: ~\$19</li> <li>• 27oz: ~\$20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.kleankanteen.com">www.kleankanteen.com</a></li> <li>• Wholesale pricing may be available to schools; call 530-592-4552</li> </ul>
<p>Sigg - "Original" and "Traveler"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluminum bottle</li> <li>• Variety of tops available: regular (shown), wide-mouth, and "active" cap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.4L: ~\$21</li> <li>• 0.6L: ~\$23</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.mysigg.com">www.mysigg.com</a></li> <li>• Discounts may be available to schools; call 203-922-7500</li> </ul>
<p>Sigg - "Performance"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aluminum bottle with a bite valve and straw that lets students sip water without tipping or spilling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0.4L: ~\$25</li> <li>• 0.6L: ~\$27</li> <li>• 0.75L: ~\$29</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.mysigg.com">www.mysigg.com</a></li> <li>• Discounts may be available to schools; call 203-922-7500</li> </ul>
<p>Nalgene</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BPA-free hard plastic bottles with a variety of mouth/cap options including: narrow mouth, "On the Go" (can open with one hand), "On the Fly" (can open with one hand, spill-proof), wide mouth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16oz Narrow Mouth: ~\$9</li> <li>• 16oz Wide Mouth: ~\$9</li> <li>• 24oz On the Go: ~\$10</li> <li>• 24oz On the Fly: ~\$13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.store.nalgene.com">www.store.nalgene.com</a></li> </ul>

## Popular Reusable Water Bottles (continued)

Name & Picture	Description	Approximate Price	Website & Considerations
<p>Contigo - "Addison"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPA-free hard plastic bottles with straw tops for one-handed drinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24oz: ~\$13</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.gocontigo.com">www.gocontigo.com</a></li> <li>Bulk pricing available through Staples Promotional Products (see chart below)</li> <li>Can also purchase in bulk at some Costco stores</li> </ul>
<p>Contigo - "Grace"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPA-free hard plastic bottle with small opening: user presses a button to sip; the bottle auto seals when not pressing button; this allows for one-handed use with no caps to remove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24oz: ~\$11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.gocontigo.com">www.gocontigo.com</a></li> <li>Bulk pricing available through Staples Promotional Products (see <i>Websites Selling Water Bottles in Bulk</i> chart)</li> </ul>
<p>Platypus - "Softbottle"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flexible, foldable, and collapsible bottle made from soft, BPA-free plastic. Several cap types available: "closure cap" (screws on/off), "push-pull cap", "hyperflow cap" (bite cap to sip water)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.5L Closure Cap or Push-Pull Cap: ~\$8</li> <li>0.5L Hyperflow Cap: ~\$12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.cascadedesigns.com/platypus/bottles-and-storage/category">www.cascadedesigns.com/platypus/bottles-and-storage/category</a></li> </ul>
<p>Nathan - "Steamline Tritan"</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPA-free hard plastic bottle with straw that flips up with a push button</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.7L: ~\$12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.nathansports.com">www.nathansports.com</a></li> </ul>
<p>Fuel Belt</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPA-free soft plastic with pressure release valve for one-handed sipping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24oz: ~\$8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.fuelbelt.com">www.fuelbelt.com</a></li> </ul>

## Websites Selling Water Bottles in Bulk<sup>1</sup>

Company	Website	Considerations
Discount Mugs	<a href="http://www.discountmugs.com">www.discountmugs.com</a> (select "Sport Bottles" from the tabs running down the left-hand side of the page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can print custom images or text on bottles (e.g., school name / logo) for extra cost</li> <li>• Minimum order of 12</li> </ul>
Bulletin Bottle	<a href="http://www.bulletinbottle.com">www.bulletinbottle.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can print custom images or text on bottles (e.g., school name/ logo) for extra cost</li> <li>• Some bottles have minimum order of &gt;100</li> </ul>
Quality Logo Products	<a href="http://www.qualitylogoproducts.com">www.qualitylogoproducts.com</a> (select "Water Bottles & Mugs" from the tabs running down the left-hand side of the page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can print custom images or text on bottles (e.g., school name/ logo) for extra cost</li> <li>• Some bottles have minimum order of &gt;50</li> </ul>
Staples Promotional Products	<a href="http://www.staplespromotionalproducts.com">www.staplespromotionalproducts.com</a> (search for "water bottles")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most prices include cost of custom image/text printed on bottles</li> <li>• Some bottles have minimum order requirement</li> </ul>
Office Max Promotional Products	2013 Catalog available at <a href="http://www.edigitaleditions.com/t/43121">http://www.edigitaleditions.com/t/43121</a>  Can also search for "Office Max Promotional Products catalog" in your search engine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most prices include cost of printing image/text in 1 color on bottles</li> <li>• Some bottles have minimum order requirement</li> </ul>
Factory Direct Promos	<a href="http://www.factorydirectpromos.com/reusable-water-bottles.html">www.factorydirectpromos.com/reusable-water-bottles.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must request quote for exact pricing</li> </ul>
Custom Earth Promos	<a href="http://www.customearthpromos.com/">http://www.customearthpromos.com/</a> (select "Reusable Bottles" from tabs across top of page)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must request quote for exact pricing</li> </ul>
Inkhead Promotional Products	<a href="http://www.inkhead.com/water-bottles">www.inkhead.com/water-bottles</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prices include printing in 1 color on bottles</li> <li>• Some bottles must be ordered in increments of 48</li> </ul>

(1) This is not an exhaustive list of all companies selling water bottles in bulk; rather, this list is meant to be a starting point for schools looking to purchase inexpensive bottles for their students. The companies listed here each offer a very large variety of bottles. See their websites for more options and details.