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Summer gifts for all graduates

Graduation gifts are not just for high school seniors any more.

At [CSN Stores](http://CSNStores.com) (csnstores.com), a leading online retailer, we believe that every child should be recognized for finishing the school year. Whether they have just completed kindergarten, wrapped up third grade, or survived junior high, all scholars deserve a gift applauding their diligence.

Acknowledging a child's academic achievements, no matter how small, encourages kids to continue succeeding and reinforces the importance of an education.

That is why we've consulted our CSN Youth Shopping Specialists to recommend a number of new summer gifts ideal for kids K through 12. Here is CSN's list of the best, age-appropriate gifts:

For Little Learners:

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Bazoongi Kids - Garden House Play Tent: \$64.95. The Garden House Play Tent from Bazoongi Kids is the perfect gift for the 'graduating' kindergartner. Kids will love the bright colors and flowers growing on the outside of their new play place, and parents will love the detachable floor for easy cleaning.

Park & Sun - Deluxe Tetherball Set: \$72.18. What game is more fun than tetherball? It's great for kids and adults and is both competitive and exciting. Teens will love rediscovering this campground classic.

Aviva - Rock-It Totter Pool Inflatable - with DuraSkin: \$125. A pool toy is the ultimate summer grad gift. Young teens will love the wild and wet games that can be played on this inflatable. They can rock it all day with their friends to see who can last the longest. It inflates easily with a manual or electric pump.

For High School Scholars:

9th - 11th Grade

Butterfly - Outdoor Home Rollaway Table Tennis Table: \$499.00. This ping pong table is a great addition to pool-side areas, patios, lawns or any other space. It features a 3/16" synthetic laminate top, and this model conveniently folds into playback and storage positions without removing the net.

Step2 - Bistro Grille Play set: \$99.99.

Grill side by side with your young scholar this summer. This all-around play set was designed to look just as good inside as it does outside. Children will love "cooking" their meals on one side and serving them up on the other. An umbrella is included that adds an authentic feel and helps protect kids from the sun.

**For Middle School Smarties:
4th - 6th Grade**

Woodlawn - Bearcreek Bungalow Playground Swing Set: \$889. Kids work hard all year so that they can spend the summer playing outside. This wooden swing set will deliver the highest level of enjoyment and safety. Featuring a slide, rope ladder, climbing rock wall, sandbox, monkey bars and swings, this set will keep kids busy for hours.

Fundex Games - BagBall Bean Bag

Toss Game: \$35. Fun-to-play and easy-to-learn, this is the ultimate kick-back-and-relax game for kids. With Bagball Bean Bag Toss, you get two games in one. Side A is the "classic" Bean Bag Toss where players take turns tossing bags into nets. Side B is the Baseball Bean Bag Toss. The players divide into two teams, one for batting and the other for fielding. After three outs are made, the players switch sides, just like real baseball.

Bazoongi Kids - JumpPod 7.5' Trampoline and Enclosure: \$345.00. This is the ideal gift for the student with 'high' scores. Nothing beats the rush kids feel as they soar up and down on this exciting and safe, solidly constructed, enclosed trampoline.

**For Junior High Geniuses:
7th - 8th Grade**

Razor - RipStik Caster Board: \$99.64. Getting through junior high is no easy task. That's why the RipStick Caster Board is the perfect grad gift for young teens. The RipStick Caster Board looks like a skateboard but has in-lined scooter caster trucks and a pivoting deck that provide a snowboard-like carving ability. The unique design of this board has a concave deck for increased foot control that allows acceleration and turning without pushing.

**For College-Bound Young Adults
Fatboy FOX Sports Beanbag: \$229.**

This is the first Fatboy customized for sports fans; this beanbag chair is a perfect dorm room chair. Comfortable and cool, the FOX Sports beanbag is essential for lounging and cheering in front of a college football or basketball game. It features extra-large dimensions and a contouring ability that combine to provide comfort through any close calls or extra innings.

Herman Miller C2 Climate Control: \$280. C2 is a simple-to-use, personal climate-control device that supports individual preferences by allowing users to control their environment. Perfect for those ever-changing, too-hot, too-cold dorm room conditions, the C2 is designed to regulate one's microclimate. The C2 also acts as an air filter and intercepts particles as small as five microns, like pollen and dust, keeping your student as comfortable as possible during allergy season. Available at AllModern.com.

Burton Gauge-Pack Backpack: \$59.95. After graduation, many parents give college-bound students the gift of travel. Young adults can go globetrotting in style with this brand new bag from Burton, designed for those in the fast lane. With an ultra-cushioned, ergonomically correct shoulder harness and a back panel optimized for airflow, this backpack will keep kids comfortable longer. Fitting a 15-inch laptop, this doubles as the perfect college bag.

The "grad" in your life will be glad you took the extra time and effort to get a meaningful, fun gift to show your appreciation of his or her efforts.

Fathers want gaming gear this year

Since fathers are notoriously difficult to shop for, **CSN Stores**, a leading online retailer of home and office goods, commissioned Harris Interactive to find out what dads really want for Father's Day and what their loved ones intend to give.

A CSN Stores/Harris Interactive Survey of 2,920 dads, moms, sons and daughters, 18-55+, reveals what mothers and wives have known for years - that fathers are really boys trapped in adult bodies. Survey responses show that sports items and gaming chairs are at the top of many Father's Day gift lists.

"Being a dad can be stressful, which is why I'm not surprised that fun, sports-themed items rose to the top in our survey," says CSN Rec Room Expert Alex Wilczek. "This also proves that fan furniture and gaming chairs aren't just for the kids anymore, either."

Gaming and sports items received 31 percent of the vote from dads, encouraging CSN to launch a Fan Products Page that features over 4,500 licensed goods from the NFL, MLB, NCAA, and more.



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landscaping items such as a greenhouse or robotic lawnmower.

And just when dads might think no one really listens to them, the poll proves otherwise.

Moms, sons, and daughters chose sports/gaming and grilling goods first (23 percent each), as gifts they would purchase for dads. Gardening tools came in third place (14 percent) among this group.

Gift givers can find these items at CSNStores.com and can speak with well-trained advisors to select the perfect gift for pop by calling 800-593-5251.

Great Father's Day gift ideas

Let's face it, shopping for dad is difficult.

Just stroll into your dad's closet and you'll find reminders of past gifts that got a smile or a wink, but were ultimately kicked to the curb. These are gifts like the dancing beer can and the now-dead, once-flapping, once-singing plastic fish on a plaque. And when's the last time you saw him wear that tie you got him? Spurned gift givers tend to give up and go the gift certificate route. But this year, they don't have to do that. [CSN Stores](#) is here to help find that perfect gift for pop.

A top three e-retailer of home and office goods, CSN recently teamed up with Harris Interactive to ask 2,920 dads, moms, sons, and daughters exactly what the family patriarch is pining for this year.

Out of all the office, home, and garden goods listed in the multiple-choice survey, fathers were drawn most (31 percent) to gaming gear. Responding to what dad really wants, CSN collected a very wide selection of nearly 4,000 NCAA, MLB, NBA, and NFL goods to make shopping for the sports-crazy father easier.

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For the Fan-Tastic Father

MLB, NBA, and NFL Barstools (\$124.99), Pool Table Lights (\$247.50), and Pub Tables (\$299). Whether he's a baseball junkie, hoops nut, or football maniac, these are the perfect Father's Day gifts for the sports dad. Light up the game room with the Team Logo Stained Glass Pub Light. Each piece of glass is hand-cut and soldered into its proper place with great care and precision. Your favorite team's logo is screen printed directly onto the glass in coordinating team colors. Its Tiffany-style construction makes this the ultimate in sports lighting. Complete your dad's game room with a Team Logo Barstool or Pub Table. Ideal for hosting viewing parties or just lounging around, each table top is coordinated with your favorite NFL, NBA, or MLB team's colors.

Carrom NASCAR Premium Foosball Table: CSN Stores' Price: \$749. For many fathers, it's impossible to outgrow a love of foosball. Plus, this is a can't-miss-gift for the NASCAR-loving dad. The table's counter-balanced players have a wider tournament style foot pattern, designed to look like a racecar driver. Eight-sided hardwood handles allow for precise player control so you can play hard and fast. The authentic NASCAR artwork will bring out the racing fan in anyone.

Creative Cooling - Coola Can Sports Refrigerator: CSN Stores' Price: \$329. The Coola Can Sports Refrigerator is the ideal second refrigerator for the sports dad. Its unique can-shape and colorful graphics make reaching for a cold drink entertaining for family and friends. This awesome cooler can hold up to 60 cans and keeps them cold at a chilly 32 degrees. Use it without the lid and your drinks will still chill and remain cold because the cool air stays in the cooler!