

Students

Clear School Bags

Providing students and staff with access to a safe and secure District environment is an important Board goal. While it is not possible for the District to completely eliminate threats, a clear bag policy is another step in the District's comprehensive plan to promote a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, all backpacks, book bags, and bags (collectively, "bags") used by students in grades 5 through 12 must be clear. Clear bags are completely clear on all sides except the bottom, but they may have mesh side pockets and/or a mesh organizer in the front pocket. Clear bags may also have colored straps and may have leather or vinyl edge reinforcements so long as visibility is not obstructed. Mesh, sling, and transparent colored bags are not allowed. Clear bags may not be lined with fabric, paint, or any other material that conceals its contents. The maximum size for non-clear bags that students in grades 5-12 are permitted to carry during the school day (e.g., purses, lunch bags, and wallets) is 6" x 9" x 5". An exception to the clear bag requirement will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection. The final decision on any item will be made by school administrators. Students in grades Pre-K through 4 may continue to use traditional backpacks.

Upon entry to school, all bags must be stored in lockers until school is dismissed for the day. Bags may not be carried into classrooms.

Students participating in extracurricular activities are permitted to carry non-transparent bags to store items pertaining to their activity (e.g., band, athletics, clubs). Upon entry into the school, all extracurricular activity bags must be stored in lockers or other designated areas.

All bags are subject to search.

Clear backpacks may be purchased through any retailer. The District will also have clear backpacks available to purchase.

Students who violate this policy will be required to store their bags in the school office for the remainder of the day and will be given a clear backpack to use. Consequences for recurring violations will be administered in accordance with Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

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