



SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR HOME EVENTS

The safety of our students, parents, faculty and community is a priority of Nowata Public Schools. Due to recent events involving schools in the state and across the nation, we have increased security procedures for varsity, junior varsity, and junior high home football games.

Our school police force along with the City of Nowata Police Department will be present at the football game.

- Law enforcement will be present at the entrance gates.
- NO - Firearms, Explosives, Weapons, Laser Pointers, Alcohol
- No outside food or drinks or coolers will be permitted.
- No outside footballs, beach balls or other sports balls will be allowed .
- No pets or other animals with the exception of service dogs (see information and guidance below).
- No Re-Entry. (Exceptions approved by Security or Administration)
- No backpacks, duffel bags or large bags. (Exception: A small clear bag)
- Small clutch purses/wallets, blankets, etc, may be subject to search.
- Children 8th grade and under should be accompanied by an adult.
- Students won't be allowed to run around. They are there to watch a game, not play. No running in the stands.
- Spectators may still stand along the fences.
- Fans need to stay on respective sides with exception to concession and bathroom facilities.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Spectators need to speak up if they see or hear anything suspicious. Staff and security will be available.

These procedures are in place for the safety and security of all those in attendance.
Thank you for your continued support of Nowata Public Schools!

Service Animals

The ADA explains what businesses and state/local governments must do to make sure that they do not discriminate against a member of the public with a disability who uses a service animal.

Generally, businesses and non-profits that are open to the public as well as state/local governments must allow service animals to go most places where the public can go. This is true even if they have a "no pets" policy.

When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff may ask two questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform. Staff cannot ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

A service animal must be under the control of its handler. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless the individual's disability prevents using these devices or these devices interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of tasks. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

About Service Animals

Service animals are:

- Dogs
- Any breed and any size of dog
- Trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability

Service animals are not:

- Required to be certified or go through a professional training program
- Required to wear a vest or other ID that indicates they're a service dog
- Emotional support or comfort dogs, because providing emotional support or comfort is not a task related to a person's disability