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# **Stewart County School District**

**LUMPKIN, GA-** Safety and security remain a top priority for Stewart County School District. Effective immediately we have implemented the following safety guideline for our athletic events.

## **SECURITY SCREENING:**

- Gates / Doors will open thirty minutes before the event.
- All individuals will be screened using either walk-through magnetometers or hand wand metal detectors.
- All items entering the gates/doors will be subject to inspection.

## **ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY:**

• Stewart County Schools and Stewart County Sheriff's Office have a zero-tolerance policy for weapons, fighting, disorderly conduct, instigating, gang-related activity, illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products. This includes the smell of marijuana on a person's clothing. None of the aforementioned are permitted on campus.

#### **ENTRY & EXIT:**

 Once a spectator exits the event, re-entry will not be allowed without the purchase of a new ticket and rescreening by security staff.

## **SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**

- No outside food and/or drinks.
- Concealed backpacks, purses, and diaper bags are not permitted. Stewart County Sheriff's Office and Stewart County Schools strongly encourage fans not to bring any bags; however, the following will be permitted.
  - Each bag has to be clear, including diaper bags and medical bags.
  - Only 1 small purse no larger than 4.5. x 6.5
- Ski masks, balaclava, neck gaiters, and bandanas of any kind are not acceptable.

- Loitering is not allowed. Locations of emphasis where "hanging out" is not permitted are, but not limited to the following:
  - Underneath the stadium, on the fence, or in lobby areas,
  - Near restrooms, concessions, or entryways areas

Persons lingering will be asked once to return to their seats. If any person is non-compliant, they will be removed from the venue without reimbursement.

- Before, during, and after the event, spectators are not allowed on any playing surfaces or competition areas.
- As a safety precaution, "Sagging" of pants is not permitted.

Thank you in advance for your support so we can provide a safe and enjoyable experience while cheering on our scholar-athletes.

## **About Stewart County School District-**

Stewart County School District is an equal opportunity employer committed to inclusion and diversity. We take affirmative action to ensure equal opportunity for all applicants, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, Veteran status, or other legally protected characteristics.