



# School District of Williamsburg County

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## ATTENTION: STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

### **ONLY CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS ARE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES**

As part of the Williamsburg County School District's ongoing efforts to provide safe and secure learning environments,

### **ONLY CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS WILL BE PERMITTED FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GRADES.**

This proactive measure took effect on the first day of the 2023-24 school year, Wednesday, August 16, 2023. As of that date, **ONLY** clear backpacks and bags (purses, duffel bags, fanny packs, lunch boxes, etc.) are allowed on school campuses for students in grades pre-K - 12. The only exceptions permitted are:

- A small non-transparent pouch for personal hygiene items.
- Thermal food containers carried inside clear lunch boxes.
- School-approved sport-specific carrying case for athletic equipment.
- School-approved instrument-specific carrying case for band equipment.

**All backpacks and bags must be see-through. Mesh and colored backpacks are NOT permitted, even if they are transparent.**



**Question: Are company or trademarked logos allowed on the front of the backpacks?**

Answer: Small company logos are allowed, but large logos, large monograms, or other visual design obstructions are not.

**Question: Can we design or decorate the backpack?**

Answer: Yes, however, designs or decorations cannot hinder the ability to see clearly inside the backpack.

**Question: Will athletic bags and instrument cases, which are not clear, be allowed on campus?**

Answer: Yes, school approved sport-specific carrying case for athletic equipment and school-approved instrument-specific carrying case for band equipment.



**Question: Are lunch boxes permitted?**

Answer: Yes. Clear lunch boxes are permitted to be carried within the backpacks.



**Question: What about purses or pocketbooks?**

Answer: All purses and pocketbooks must be clear.

**Question: What about makeup bags or small purses?**

Answer: We understand the concern with the privacy of certain items contained within backpacks. Students will be permitted to carry such items in a small makeup pouch within the backpack or a clear purse.

**Question: Are transparent colored backpacks allowed?**

Answer: No. Colored transparent backpacks are not allowed. Only fully clear backpacks



**Question: Can the backpack have colored straps?**

Answer: Yes. The backpack may have colored straps.

