

## 2024 Football Season Safety and Security Protocol

1. Schools will only have ONE or TWO designated gates for spectators to enter.
2. Walk-through metal detectors (magnetometers) will be utilized at these entrances, which will be operated by uniformed security guards. An armed law enforcement officer, as well as a school administrator will also be present at these entrances.
3. Metal detector wands will also be used at gates as an additional security measure.
4. **No one will be allowed to enter any game without going through the proper security checks.**
5. There will be an armed law enforcement officer at both gates - the home and visitor gates - for the duration of the game (until the game has ended and the stadium is cleared).
6. Uniformed security guards will remain at both stadium entry gates – home and visitor gates- for the duration of the game.
7. Law enforcement officers shall be positioned throughout the stadium and on patrol.
8. There will be **ABSOLUTELY** no passes out.
9. Any suspicious individuals or activities should be reported to law enforcement officers immediately.
10. Any suspicious attire may warrant an additional search of an individual(s).
11. MCPSS reserves the right to deny entry and/or remove anyone from sporting venues.
12. **Only clear bags**, including purses, will be allowed inside any MCPSS sporting event; all bags will be searched upon entry. Backpacks **WILL NOT** be allowed in the stadiums **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**.
13. There will be extensive parking lot patrol, corridor patrol, and frequent restroom area monitoring at all stadiums.
14. Officers and administrators will constantly monitor stands on both sides.
15. No spectators will be allowed to change sides for any reason; officers will monitor end zones during the games to prevent crossover.
16. A team will conduct a thorough sweep of the interior and exterior perimeter of the stadium to ensure that a weapon is not placed inside the stadium or on the exterior perimeter before/ between games.
17. ALL MCPSS employees working games, including coaches, are required to wear official name badges in order to be easily identified as official personnel. Band chaperones **MUST** have formal credentials as well; t-shirts will not be considered official. **ANY PERSON PRESENT ON THE SIDELINES DURING A GAME MUST HAVE THE PROPER CREDENTIALS DISPLAYED.**
18. Walkie talkies should be used by school administrators to allow constant communication throughout the game.