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ATTENTION: STUDENTS, PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND CAREGIVERS

ONLY CLEAR BACKPACKS AND BAGS ARE ALLOWED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES IN THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

As part of Williamsburg County School District's ongoing efforts to provide safe and secure learning environments, beginning in the 2023/24 school year,

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

This proactive measure takes 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.) will be 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.

