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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 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.

The mission of Williamsburg County School District is to prepare students for college, careers, and citizenship in a global society.



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.

