



George West Independent School District

GWISD Backpack Policy 2022-2023

As the George West Independent School District works to strengthen and improve our school safety and security practices, a clear backpack policy will be implemented beginning in August, 2022-2023. Students in Grades 7 through 12 will be required to use a clear backpack. Clear backpacks with small logos or trademarks will be allowed. Mesh and colored backpacks will not be allowed. Athletic gym bags, band cases, cheer bags will be stored in lockers immediately upon entry to school and will not be allowed as students travel class to class. Purses must be no bigger than 6" x 9" x 5". Non-clear lunch bags will be allowed. All bags will be subject to search. Please see FAQ below for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions: FAQ

Where does this clear backpack policy apply?

The policy applies to students in Grades 7-12 at the Junior High and High School buildings and in the cafeteria.

Are there size specifications for clear backpacks?

There are no size specifications for clear backpacks.

Are mesh backpacks allowed?

Mesh backpacks will not be allowed. Students may only carry clear backpacks.

Can clear backpacks have mesh pockets?

Yes, mesh pockets are allowed on clear backpacks.

Are colored clear backpacks allowed?

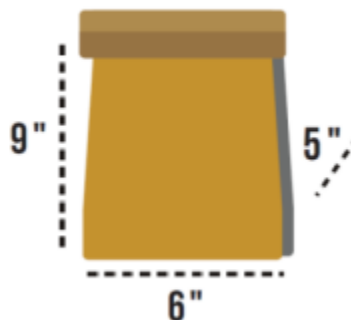
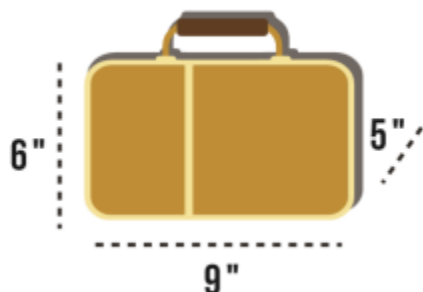
No colored clear backpacks will be allowed.

Are company trademarks allowed on clear backpacks?

Small trademarks are allowed on clear backpacks.

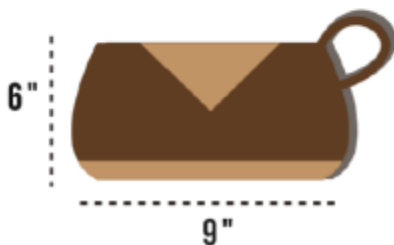
Are nonclear lunch bags allowed?

Yes, small lunch boxes or bags will be allowed. (All bags are subject to search)



Are all purses prohibited?

No, small clutch-style purses, no larger than 6" x 9" x 5" will be permitted. Purses larger than this size will not be permitted. (All bags are subject to search)



Will athletic/spirit bags and instrument cases, which are not typically clear, be allowed on campus?

Students participating in an extracurricular activity are permitted to carry their non-transparent bags and/or instrument cases to store items pertaining to their particular activity (i.e. band, athletics, cheer, etc.).

Upon entry into the school, all extracurricular activity bags must be stored in lockers or designated areas. *All bags are subject to search.*