



CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

CLEAR BOOKBAG MANDATE F.A.Q.

CCPS MANDATES CLEAR BOOKBAGS FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to welcome back students for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. In preparation for the return to school, with respect to the safety of all students and staff, as a reminder, the district will only allow students to carry clear bookbags for the 2023-2024 school year. This decision applies to all students in all grade levels.

The district will provide clear bookbags initially to all students. Parents/guardians are asked/encouraged to purchase clear bookbags for their scholars. For a full list of school supplies and student uniform details, please visit the website of the school your child(ren) is enrolled to attend.

How does this apply to athletes who carry duffle bags to and from school? Are they not permitted to have duffle bags on campus?

Student-athletes with equipment/duffle-type bags are expected to follow a process whereby the bags are turned over to the sport/activity's coach/sponsor upon arrival at school for secured storage until the bags are needed for the activity.

What about lunch bags and purses? Do they have to be clear too?

Lunch bags/boxes or purses do not have to be clear; however, these items will be subject to safety searches at any time. Purse-type backpacks are not allowed.

Can bookbags be clear with designs on them?

Yes. Bookbags can have designs on them. These designs should not completely obscure visibility into the bag.

Is this mandate for all grade levels or only grades 3-12?

All Pre-K through 12th grade students are required to have a clear bookbag.

Why do parents have to buy clear bookbags if the school system is also supplying bookbags?

The district will supply one bookbag per student enrolled. No additional bags will be distributed to students after the initial one-time distribution.

Will students be allowed to use lockers during the upcoming school year?

Locker usage will be allowed. This will be a localized decision based on school by school leadership and safety measures.

When will students receive bookbags provided by the school system?

Each student will receive one clear bookbag during the district's **Open House Meet and Greet** opportunities, on the first day of school, or during the first week of school.



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