



**Seguin ISD
Clear Backpack Policy for Seguin ISD
2024-25 School Year**

FAQs

In an abundance of caution and for the safety of our students and staff, a clear backpack policy will be in effect for all Seguin ISD students throughout the 2024-25 school year.

Students participating in an extracurricular activity are permitted to carry non-transparent bags to store items pertaining to their particular activity (i.e. band, athletics, etc.). Upon entry into the school, all extracurricular activity bags must be stored in lockers or designated areas. All bags are subject to search.

We will update this FAQ as additional questions are submitted to us so please check back frequently.

Are clear backpacks required for all grades?

Yes. This policy is in place for all Seguin ISD students.

Are mesh backpacks allowed?

No, mesh backpacks do not meet the clear backpack requirement.

Are transparent colored (tinted) backpacks allowed?

No, only fully clear backpacks are permitted.

Can the clear backpack have mesh pockets?

Yes, mesh side pockets are allowed on the clear backpack.

Can the front pocket of the clear backpack have a mesh organizer?

Yes, a mesh organizer inside the front pocket is allowed.

Will clear backpacks with padded backs be accepted?

No. The clear backpack must have clear visibility through all dimensions excluding the backpack bottom.

Can the clear backpack have colored straps?

Yes, the clear backpack may have colored straps.

Are leather reinforcements on the corner of the backpack allowed?

Yes, leather reinforcements on the corners are permitted.

Are company or trademark logos allowed on the front of the clear backpack?

Yes. Small company and school logos are allowed, but large logos, monograms or other visual obstructions are not.

What about purses, lunch boxes/bags, pencil bags, instrument cases, spirit bags and athletic bags?

These items do not have to be made of clear material. However, Instrument cases, spirit bags and athletic bags must be stored as soon as the student arrives at school. They must be placed in lockers or secured in fine arts classrooms or athletic locker rooms as designated by school administration.

Can purses, lunch boxes/bags, pencil bags, etc. be carried in a clear backpack?

Yes.

What are the size specifications for the clear backpack?

There are no size specifications for the clear backpack.

Are students allowed to have a protective Chromebook case/sleeve in their backpack, or are they required to carry their Chromebook separately?

Yes. A Chromebook inserted into a protective case/sleeve will be permitted in a backpack.

Will the district provide assistance to acquire clear backpacks for students based on financial hardship?

Yes. Please complete the [Clear Backpack Assistance Form](#) to request assistance while supplies last.

Are clear totes, clear purses and transparent plastic bags allowed?

Yes, clear totes, purses and bags are allowed.

Can I line the inside of the backpack?

No. Fabric, wallpaper or any other material that conceals the contents of the clear backpack is not permitted.

Can school administrators search my clear backpack?

Yes, clear backpacks may be searched by school administration.

Are clear backpacks an invasion of personal privacy?

We understand the concern regarding the privacy of certain items contained within clear backpacks. Students will be permitted to carry such items in a small pouch or purse within the backpack.

Where do I purchase a clear backpack?

Online retailers such as Amazon are currently carrying clear backpacks.