



Coleman ISD

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## Clear Backpack FAQ

In an effort to improve the safety measures currently in place, CISD requires all students to use clear backpacks. 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 designated areas. All bags are subject to search. Additionally, the maximum size for non-transparent bags that students will be permitted to carry during the school day, such as lunch kits, pencil bags, and purses, will be 6" x 9".



*Example of a permitted clear backpack.*

- **What are the size specifications for the clear backpack?**

There are no size specifications for the clear backpack.

- **Are mesh backpacks allowed?**

No. Mesh backpacks are not allowed. Students are permitted to only use clear backpacks (see example).



- **Can the backpack have mesh pockets?**

Yes. Mesh side pockets are allowed on the backpack (see example)



- **Can the front pocket of the backpack have a mesh organizer?**

Yes. A mesh organizer inside the front pocket is allowed (see example).



- **Will backpacks with padded backs be accepted?**

No. Backpacks must have clear visibility through all dimensions excluding the backpack bottom (see example)



- **Are transparent colored backpacks allowed?**

No. Colored, transparent backpacks are not allowed (see example). Only fully clear backpacks are permitted.



- **Are stripes allowed on the backpack?**

No. Stripes in any location are not allowed on the backpack (see example)



*Backpacks with stripes on the left are not permitted.*

- **Can the backpack have colored straps?**

Yes. The backpack may have colored straps (see example).



- **Are leather reinforcements on the corners of the backpacks allowed?**

Yes. Leather reinforcements in the corners are permitted (see example)



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

Yes. Small company and school logos are allowed (see example), but large logos, monograms, or other visual design obstructions are not.

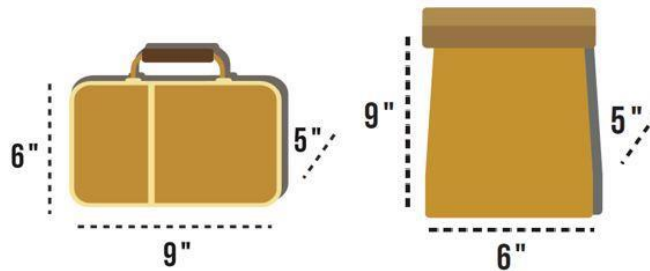


- **Will athletic/spirit bags and instrument cases that are not clear, be allowed on campus?**

Yes, however, these bags must be stored as soon as the student arrives at school. They must be placed in the designated area.

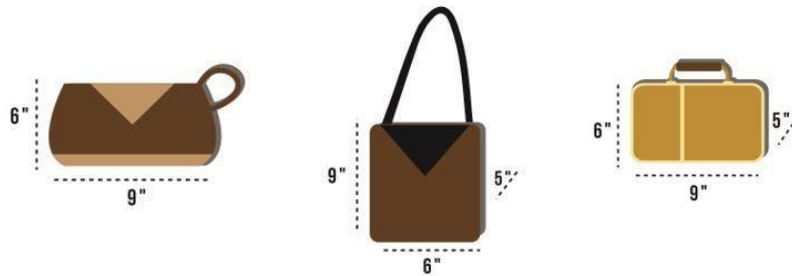
- **Are lunch boxes permitted?**

Yes. Non-transparent lunchboxes no larger than approximately 6"x9"x5" (see examples) are permitted to be carried.



- **Can multiple 6"x9" bags be carried in schools?**

Yes, Students must limit non-transparent 6"x9" bags (lunch box, purses, pouches) to two bags (see examples), regardless of whether they are carried inside or outside the backpack.



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

Yes, Clear totes, purses, and bags are allowed (see examples).

