

# Ware County Schools Backpack Policy Updated FAQs

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## 1. Are all students required to use clear or mesh backpacks?

Yes, all students enrolled in the Ware County School District in grades PK-12 (except WCLC students) are required to use a clear, transparent or colored mesh book bag. Students assigned to WCLC are not permitted to use a backpack of any kind. Examples of acceptable clear, transparent or colored mesh backpacks are pictured below. Mesh backpacks may be any color, but they must be solid in color. No prints are allowed.



## 2. Are colored, iridescent, glittered, or otherwise decorated transparent plastic backpacks allowed?

Colored, iridescent, glittered, or otherwise decorated transparent plastic backpacks are not allowed. All plastic backpacks must be clear and transparent and may not include any pattern or design that obscures visibility.



*examples of plastic backpacks that are not allowed*

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## 3. What kind of backpack will my child receive?

We have opted to purchase mesh backpacks (17" Trailmaker brand) for PK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and deluxe PVC plastic backpacks (17" K-CLIFFS brand with black, royal, red, or purple straps and piping) for middle and high school students. Both styles have very high reviews. Examples of the backpacks can be seen below. In choosing a different backpack for elementary vs. middle and high school students, we are not limiting the type of backpack students may use. Elementary students may purchase a clear, plastic bag, and middle/high school students may purchase a mesh bag, if they so desire.



## 4. Can backpacks have colored straps or piping?

Yes, backpacks may have colored straps or piping.



## 5. What are the size specifications for the backpack?

There are no size specifications, only material specifications. All backpacks must be constructed with solid color mesh or clear, transparent plastic material.

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## 6. Are company/trademarked logos or decorative stickers allowed on the backpacks?

Small company logos, such as those shown on the approved backpacks above are allowed, but large logos or decorations that cause visual obstructions, as shown on the first two backpacks below, are not permitted. Bags may be personalized by adding tags to the straps or zipper pulls, monogramming the straps, or placing a monogram or name sticker at the TOP of the FRONT of the bag only. Monograms or stickers may NOT be placed on the small pocket on the front of the backpack. An example of an approved monogram size and placement and a tag attached to the bag is shown in the third picture below.



## 7. Will athletic bags, instrument cases, handbags/purses, and lunchboxes which are not clear be allowed on campus?

Yes. Athletic bags and instruments cases are considered approved bags, subject to the principal's discretion, and do not need to be clear plastic or mesh fabric. Handbags or purses measuring less than 16 inches in height and length are also permitted. Students may carry a lunchbox that is not transparent.

## 8. Are students allowed to have laptop sleeves or small, non-transparent bags inside the backpack?

Yes, laptop sleeves up to 18x14 inches and small, non-transparent bags measuring no more than 6.5x9.5 inches are permitted within the backpack.

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## **9. Isn't this an invasion of privacy?**

We understand the concern with the privacy of certain items contained within backpacks. Students will be permitted to carry items discreetly in a small, non-transparent bag measuring no more than 6.5x9.5 inches within the backpack.

## **10. What do I do with the backpack I already purchased?**

If you have not removed the tags or personalized the backpack, you may be able to return it. Otherwise, the student may use the backpack for activities not related to school.

## **11. When and where will the school system issue my backpack?**

Students will receive their backpack the first week of school. Note: Some schools may hand backpacks out during Open House.

## **12. What school supplies will come in my backpack?**

**All Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a zippered pencil pouch and a pack of 5 pencils.** In addition, DAFFODIL students will receive a folder, 3-pack of glue sticks, and a pack of crayons. Elementary school students will receive a 10-pack of colored pencils, a ruler, and a glue stick. Middle and high school students will receive a 10-pack of colored pencils, a highlighter, and a 5-pack of pens. Items are subject to be substituted due to availability.

If you have any additional questions, please contact [feedback@ware.k12.ga.us](mailto:feedback@ware.k12.ga.us). Thank you for supporting the Ware County School System's efforts to keep our students and staff members safe.