



Wharton Independent School District

Wharton ISD will implement clear backpacks for all PK3- 12th grade students for the 2022-2023 school year. This is an added security measure for the safety of students, staff, families and campuses.

For specific information regarding the use of clear backpacks in Wharton ISD, see our **Frequently Asked Questions** (FAQ's) noted below.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Where does the clear backpack apply?

Clear backpacks are required at all Wharton ISD campuses for PK3- 12th grade students (Sivells, Wharton Elementary, Wharton Junior High School, and Wharton High School).

What are the size specifications for the clear backpack?

There are no size specifications for the clear backpack.

Are mesh backpacks allowed?

Mesh backpacks are not allowed.

Are transparent colored backpacks allowed?

No. Colored, transparent backpacks are not allowed. Only fully clear backpacks are permitted.

Are stripes allowed on the backpack?

Stripes are permitted on the backpacks, as long as staff are able to clearly see through the bag.

Can the backpack have colored straps?

Yes, the backpack may have colored straps, as long as staff are able to clearly see through the bag.



Are lunch boxes/bags permitted?

Yes, non-clear lunch boxes are permitted to be carried within the clear backpacks. *All bags are subject to search.*



Are all purses prohibited?

No, small clutch-style purses, no larger than 5”X7: will be permitted. Purses larger than this size will not be permitted. *All bags are subject to search.*



Will clear bags be checked?

Yes, all bags are subject to search. The use of clear bags will make the inspection process faster.

Invasion of privacy?

Wharton ISD understands the importance of maintaining privacy as it relates to certain items carried within backpacks. Please know that students will be allowed to carry such items in a small bag (no larger than a 5”x7”) within the clear backpack.

Other Questions

Contact us at (979) 532-3612