



In an effort to improve the safety measures currently in place, SBCSC will be implementing the use of clear, transparent backpacks starting August 16, 2023. We would like to express our gratitude to our SBCSC families for your understanding as we navigate uncharted territory. We will keep updating this FAQ page as we receive more questions regarding the new backpack policy. We truly appreciate your patience and compassion as we work collectively to find solutions that ensure the safety and well-being of our scholars.

Clear Backpack Requirements and FAQs



Example of a 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 backpacks 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).



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 on 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.



Are lunch boxes permitted?

Yes. Transparent lunch boxes are permitted to be carried (see example).

Can multiple 5.5” x 8.5” bags be carried in schools?

Yes.



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

Yes. Clear totes, purses and bags are allowed in a 5.5” x 8.5” size (see examples).

Can I line the inside of the backpack?

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

How can we maintain the privacy of personal toiletry items?

We understand the concern regarding the privacy of certain items contained within backpacks. Students will be permitted to carry such items in a small makeup pouch or purse within the backpack. Any non-transparent pouch or purse should be no larger than approximately 5.5” x 8.5”.

What happens if a student refuses to comply with the SBCSC clear backpack requirement?

The student will be cited with insubordination which is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. The backpack will be stored in the office until the end of the day or the parent arrives to retrieve it.