



**CLAYTON COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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CLEAR BOOKBAG MANDATE F.A.Q.

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



CCPS MANDATES CLEAR BOOKBAGS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to welcome back students for the first day of school on Monday, August 3, 2026. In preparation for the return to school, please be reminded that the district will only allow students to carry clear bookbags for the 2026-2027 school year. This decision is for the safety of all students and staff and applies to students in all grade levels.

The district will not provide clear bookbags to students. Parents/ guardians are required to purchase clear bookbags for their child(ren). For a full list of school supplies and student uniform details, please visit the website of the school your child(ren) is enrolled to attend.

- 1. How does this apply to athletes who carry duffel bags to and from school? Are they not permitted to have duffel bags on campus?**
 - Student-athletes with equipment/duffel-type bags are expected to follow a process whereby the bags are turned over to the sport/activity's coach/sponsor upon arrival at school for secure storage until the bags are needed for the activity.
- 2. What about lunch bags and purses? Do they have to be clear too?**
 - Lunch bags/boxes or purses do not have to be clear; however, these items will be subject to safety searches at any time. Purse-type backpacks are not allowed.
- 3. Can bookbags be clear with designs on them?**
 - Yes. Bookbags can have designs on them. These designs should not completely obscure visibility into the bag.
- 4. Is this mandate for all grade levels or only grades 3-12?**
 - All Pre-K through 12th-grade students are required to have a clear bookbag.
- 5. Will students be allowed to use lockers during the upcoming school year?**
 - Locker usage will be a local school decision based on school-by-school leadership and safety measures.