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Akron Public Schools enacts clear-bag policy to attend events, games



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You can no longer bring a [backpack or large purse](#) with you to events on Akron Public Schools property.

The district has instituted [enhanced event safety procedures](#) that permit only clear clutch-sized bags and diaper bags. The clear bags must measure no larger than 8.3 inches by 6.5 inches by 3.3 inches. Any permitted bag will be subject to inspection.

Joanne Isaac, assistant director of marketing and communications, said special circumstances, such as medical bags, will be addressed at the entrances as needed.

She said the protocols are designed to ensure the safety of students, staff, families and event guests while they are on district property. She said the rules apply to any event, including athletics and performances, held on district property.

Other entry requirements for athletic events include:

All fans must go through the metal detectors.

Only students from the participating school teams will be admitted without a parent or guardian. Administrators will be at the gates. Students currently suspended from school will not be admitted into games.

No reentry and no refunds will be given.

No entry after halftime of varsity games.

No outside food or beverages, except for factory-sealed water bottles.

Additional information will be provided on the district's website, at event entrances and on the back of event tickets, according to the district.

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