

District: Newton Municipal School District

Section: J - Students

Policy Code: JCDBC - Clear Bag Policy for School Activities/Sporting Events

CLEAR BAGS AT SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES

In the interest of enhancing existing security measures at all designated athletic events and activities on district property, a clear bag policy is in effect beginning August 1, 2024. Where possible, patrons are encouraged not to bring a bag of any type to District events, however the following bags are permitted:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC, that do not exceed 12 x 6 x 15 inches
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar); and
- Small clutch bags, with or without a handle or strap that do not exceed 4.5" x 6.5".

An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose.

Prohibited bags include but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag; briefcases; backpacks, cinch bags, and fanny packs that are not clear and/or exceed the size restriction; luggage of any kind; computer bags/cases; camera bags/cases; binocular bags/cases or any bag larger than the permissible size.

This policy pertains to bags and is not an all-inclusive list of items that are prohibited from being taken into any Newton Municipal School District venue.

Any person or bag is subject to being searched at the discretion of District staff including the use of metal detection or wands. District staff may refuse entry into the event.

The Mississippi Public School Accountability Standard for this policy is standard 31.

LEGAL REF.: MS CODE as cited
Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards

CROSS REF.: Policies JCBH - Gun-Free Schools
JCDA - School Searches

Last Review Date:

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