



## Graduation Safety & Security FAQs

### **Why are you implementing a clear bag requirement and weapons detectors?**

Davie County Schools is committed to providing a safe and secure environment to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. The use of clear bags and weapons detectors reflects our ongoing dedication to the safety of all attendees and supports our efforts to maintain a secure school district.

To make security screening quicker and easier, limit what you carry with you.

### **What kind of clear bags are allowed at graduation?**

Our Clear Bag Procedures document can be [found here](#).

Acceptable bag options include:

- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bags
- Clear plastic ziploc bags

### **Are medical bags allowed?**

Yes. These are permitted but may be subject to inspection.

### **Can I bring a purse, backpack, or camera bag?**

Yes, but only if the item is clear. Non-clear bags will not be permitted, except for medically needed bags.

### **Can I bring an umbrella and a seat cushion?**

Yes.

### **What are the detectors being used?**

[OPENGATE](#) weapons detection systems, implemented in all Davie County Schools during 2024-2025 will be used for all graduation attendees.

### **How do they work?**

Guests walk between two towers.

A green light = clear to enter.

A red light and sound = secondary screening required.

If you'd like to see a video, please click [here](#) to check out the high school information video.

**What happens if the detector goes off?**

You will be asked to step aside to allow you time to remove any potential items that may be setting off the machine. A secondary search may be conducted. Attendees must 'clear' the detectors before being allowed to enter the graduation.

**Will I need to take everything out of my pockets?**

No, in most cases you *do not* need to empty your pockets of normal everyday items like phones, wallets, or keys. The OPENGATE system used by Davie County Schools is designed to distinguish between personal items and potential threats (like firearms or large knives). However, if you are carrying something unusual or metal-heavy, the alarm could be set off.

**Will rods in my leg set it off?**

No.

**Are the detectors safe for people with medical implants?**

According to the vendor, "*the detection system uses extremely low-frequency radio waves (ELF) a non-ionizing sensing modality- in compliance with the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers 2019 guidance for safe operation with the general public, which applies to regular/occupational as well as infrequent exposure.*"

**What Items are NOT allowed?**

Please DO NOT bring the following items:

- Weapons of any kind (knives, firearms, etc. You will be arrested!)
- Vape pens, e-cigarettes, or tobacco products
- Backpacks or non-clear bags
- Coolers or large containers
- Camera bags that are not clear - Cameras are okay