

# HCS Let's Make It CLEAR

Horry County Schools

## Districtwide Protocols and Procedures for Backpacks

HCS has implemented these safety and security tools for students, and here's what you'll need to know.

### Clear Backpacks

#### WHAT

All students must carry clear backpacks if they carry a book bag to school. Students may carry a small, non-clear pouch in their backpack to hold personal items, such as cellphones, money, and hygiene products.

#### WHY

Clear backpacks provide another tool to ensure our highest priority, which is the safety and security of all members of the HCS community. Many large organizations, including the NFL, collegiate stadiums, and large-scale event venues, have implemented similar clear bag policies.



### Security Screening

#### WHAT

HCS has phased in screening devices in all schools for the 2024-25 school year. All individuals will be required to pass through screening devices when entering the building.

#### WHY

Screening devices increase the safety of students, staff, and visitors by reducing opportunities for prohibited items to enter the building.

