



# Iredell - Statesville Schools

Together, Ensuring *Student Success* by Igniting a *Passion* for Learning

Superintendent's Office  
Administrative Office Building

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Iredell-Statesville Schools Announces New Safety Measures for 2025-26 Athletic Events**

STATESVILLE, N.C.—As part of an ongoing effort to enhance security at athletic events, Iredell-Statesville Schools will implement several new safety measures for the 2025-26 school year. The district moved to a No Bag Policy last year to decrease the wait time at the gate due to handheld metal detectors being used. We have heard from our fans and have taken their feedback to continue to improve our process. Starting this year (August 2025), Iredell-Statesville Schools will implement a Clear Bag Policy for all athletic events. Only clear bags and medically necessary items will be allowed in the games.

In addition to the update to the bag policy, we would like to remind all fans that there will be no re-entry into games, and all children not in high school should be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the sporting event.

“Our top priority is to provide a safe and supportive environment for our student-athletes, coaches, and fans,” stated Bryan Paslay, Director of Athletics. “As we prepare for the season ahead, we’re excited to see our teams compete and represent their schools with pride.”

We are excited to welcome back our fans as we begin a new season full of new excitement, cheering, and fun. Our fans are encouraged to revisit our [Fan Code of Conduct](#) and commit to #BeaGoodFan when they attend any event on our campuses.

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#### **About Iredell-Statesville Schools:**

Iredell-Statesville Schools is a public school district in North Carolina that serves approximately 20,000 students, pre-kindergarten through early college. Our teachers represent a wealth of knowledge, with the average teacher in our district having 15 years of teaching experience. As a nationally recognized school system, Iredell-Statesville Schools is committed to innovation and continuous improvement, building on strong relationships within the community to support the whole child. In addition to traditional school settings, the district provides a wide range of exciting educational opportunities throughout choice programs specially designed for unique student needs.



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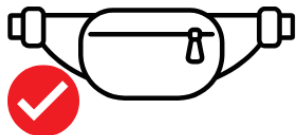
# Clear Bag Procedures

Athletic Events + Large Assemblies

## Approved Clear Bags



Clear Plastic  
or Vinyl Bags



Clear Fanny Packs  
or Crossbody Bags



Clear Plastic  
Ziploc-style Bags



Clear  
Backpacks



Medically  
Necessary Items

## Prohibited Bags - Included But Not Limited To:



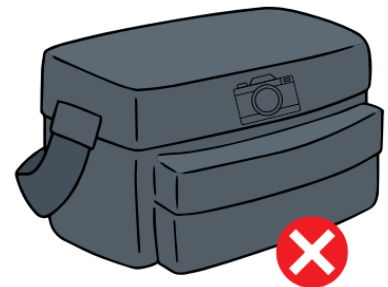
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Bookbags



Drawstring Bags



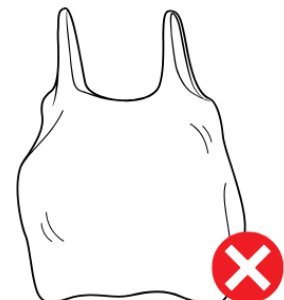
Camera or  
Computer Bags



Coolers



Diaper Bags



Grocery Bags

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