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RE: HCCSD ATHLETIC EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students, athletes, families, employees, and visitors attending our athletic events.

In accordance with ***HCCSD Policy JCDBC: Clear Bag Policy for School Activities/Sporting Events,*** effective *Friday, December 4, 2026,* the following safety procedures will be enforced at all HCCSD basketball events.

ADMISSION AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Clear Bag Policy:** Only clear bags will be permitted inside athletic venues. All bags are subject to inspection.
2. **No Outside Cups or Containers:** Outside cups, beverage containers, and similar items may not be brought into the venue.
3. **No Loitering:** Loitering inside or outside the facility, including parking lots, entrances, hallways, and other designated areas, will not be permitted. Spectators are expected to enter the facility, remain in designated spectator areas, and leave promptly following the event.
4. **Designated Entrances and Exits:** All spectators must enter and exit through designated access points. Unauthorized entry into restricted areas is prohibited.
5. **No Unauthorized Access:** Spectators may not enter locker rooms, team areas, playing surfaces, officials' areas, or other restricted spaces without authorization.
6. **Prohibited Items:** Weapons, alcohol, illegal substances, tobacco products, vaping devices, fireworks, and other items that may compromise safety are prohibited.
7. **Spectator Conduct:** Disorderly conduct, fighting, threatening behavior, harassment, profanity directed toward players or officials, and disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
8. **Student Supervision:** Students and minors must remain in designated spectator areas and comply with supervision requirements established by event administrators.
9. **No Re-Entry:** Individuals who leave the facility may not be permitted to re-enter without authorization from event administration.
10. **Compliance with Safety Personnel:** All spectators must follow instructions provided by school administrators, security personnel, and event staff.

ENFORCEMENT:
Individuals who fail to comply with these requirements may be denied admission, asked to leave the facility, or subject to additional disciplinary or legal action when warranted. Admission may be denied or revoked when an individual's conduct presents a safety concern.

These procedures are part of the District's Athletic Safety Plan and are intended to strengthen safety measures while providing a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone. We ask all parents, students, fans, and visitors to plan accordingly and help us communicate these expectations to others.

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and continued support as we work together to ensure that HCCSD athletic events remain safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Educationally yours,

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

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 09/10/2026 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 09/10/2026

CLEAR BAG REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS

PURPOSE

The Board of Trustees recognizes its responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment for students, employees, participants, and spectators attending school-sponsored athletic events and other extracurricular activities conducted on District property.

To enhance safety and facilitate efficient entry into athletic venues, the district shall require spectators to comply with established clear bag requirements when attending designated school-sponsored athletic events.

CLEAR BAG REQUIREMENTS

Spectators attending district athletic events shall be permitted to bring only the following items into an athletic venue:

1. Clear plastic, vinyl, PVC, or mesh bags not exceeding twelve inches (12") by six inches (6") by twelve inches (12");
2. One-gallon clear plastic resealable storage bags;
3. Small clutch purses, wallets, or wristlets not exceeding four and one-half inches (4.5") by six and one-half inches (6.5");
4. Medically necessary bags, subject to inspection; and
5. Diaper bags accompanying an infant or small child, subject to inspection.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following bags or containers are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the board:

- Backpacks
- Duffel bags
- Briefcases
- Luggage
- Computer bags
- Large purses
- Drawstring bags
- Coolers and Cups
- Camera bags
- Any non-transparent bag exceeding approved size limitations.

INSPECTIONS

All bags, containers, and personal items brought onto district athletic facilities are subject to inspection by school officials, security personnel, or law enforcement officers authorized by the district.

Refusal to submit to an inspection shall result in denial of entry or removal from the event.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to this policy may be granted for:

- Medical necessities;
- Reasonable accommodations required by law;
- Law enforcement personnel;
- Event personnel, officials, and workers acting in an official capacity; and
- Other circumstances approved by the board of trustees.

ENFORCEMENT

Individuals arriving with prohibited bags or containers shall be required to return such items to their vehicles or otherwise remove them from district property before admission is granted.

The district shall not be responsible for storing, safeguarding, or securing prohibited items.

Failure to comply with this policy or with the directions of district personnel shall result in denial of admission, removal from the event, or other actions authorized by Board policy and applicable law.

LEGAL REF.:

Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-7-301; 37-9-69

CROSS REF.:

KM - Visitors to the Schools
JCA - Student Conduct at Athletic Events
EBBB - Safety and Security