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ECISD to require clear or mesh backpacks, limit bag sizes

When the 2020-21 school year begins in August, all Ector County ISD secondary schools will allow only clear or mesh backpacks on campus. This additional safety measure was reviewed and is supported by the District's Safety and Security Committee. In addition, purses and other bags will be limited to those that measure 5 X 8 X 1. No other bags will be allowed to be carried in the school.

For students involved in athletics and fine arts who carry bags or duffles for the purposes of those programs, they will leave those bags in their locker rooms or rehearsal halls.

Each of the middle schools and high schools has lockers available for students to store books and other materials. If a child is not assigned a locker, their family can request one through the child's principal.

School officials have begun to notify local retailers about this new requirement. Again, this applies only to middle school and high school students; only clear or mesh backpacks and small clutches (5 X 8 X 1) will be permitted to be carried on secondary campuses starting in August 2020.

ECISD considers the safety of our students, staff and visitors to be the highest priority, and will continue to evaluate options to enhance security at all schools. A similar announcement for the athletics facilities at the Ratliff Stadium Complex will be coming soon.

For more information about this press release contact the ECISD Communications Department at 432-456-9019.