GENERAL SUPPLY LIST FOR OCA

- Students will need a mesh or clear backpack for the 20-21 school year. OCA recommends a mesh backpack because they are much studier than the clear plastic ones. It does not matter what color or brand the backpack is, as long as it is mesh or clear plastic. We recommend a large one that will hold their school issued Chromebook and other materials including pens, pencils, markers, spirals, and composition notebooks. Students can choose the color and style of their backpack as long as it is big and sturdy enough to hold all their daily supplies. This is required at all secondary school in ECISD, including OCA. It must be brought to school every day with their supplies.

- Also, purses, small clutches, or other bags will be limited to those that measure 5 x 8 x 1. No other bags will be allowed to be carried to school, except for the laptop bag that is given to you by the school for your school issued Chromebook. Please see the next page for details on mesh/clear backpacks.

- Student Planner – students will be given a free student planner in their AVID class. This is to keep up with all their assignments in their 8 classes. Student planners will be checked and graded every 3 weeks to ensure students are keeping organized with all their assignments. If students wish to purchase their own planner, we ask they wait until after they receive their AVID planner, so they will know what to look for in a store bought one.

- Black, blue, and red pens, and Pencils, mechanical pencils preferred
- 1 Box of 12 or 24 map colors
- 1 glue stick and 1 pair of scissors
- 4 composition notebooks
- 3 highlighters of different color (your choice)
- Spiral notebook paper
- 1 box of 12 washable markers
- 100 index cards

- Students taking Art – one 9x12 sketch book
- Students taking Chemistry or Forensics – 3 ring one or two inch binder, 5 different colored highlighters
- Students taking Physics – protractor, 12 inch ruler, 1 pack of 4 double AA batteries, scientific calculator (wait until you attend class so you will know which calculator for Physics)

- Most important - Bring your smile 😊 everyday

- NOTE – Students taking Dual Credit college classes won’t know the supplies they need until they attend class on Monday, Aug. 24th and 25th when they meet their OC Professors.
- NOTE – Additional supplies may be asked for during the school year by our teachers.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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 duffels 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.