



**MANOR ISD**  
**Student Handbook 2023-2024**  
**CLEAR BACKPACK**

In an effort to improve the safety measures currently in place, MISD requires all middle and high school scholars to use clear or mesh backpacks. Scholars participating in an extracurricular activity are permitted to carry non-transparent bags to store items pertaining to their particular activity (i.e. band, athletics, etc.). Upon entry into the school, all extracurricular activity bags must be stored in lockers or designated areas. All bags are subject to search. Additionally, the maximum size for non-transparent bags that middle and high school scholars will be permitted to carry during the school day, such as lunch boxes/kits, pencil bags, and purses, will be 6" x 9". Elementary school scholars, including 6th graders on elementary school campuses, will be allowed to continue using traditional backpacks.



**Example of permitted clear backpack**



**Example of permitted mesh backpack**

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Are elementary scholars required to use clear backpacks?**

No. This policy is in place for middle and middle school scholars only.

### **What are the size specifications for the clear backpack?**

There are no size specifications for the clear backpack.

### **Are mesh backpacks allowed?**

Yes. Mesh backpacks are allowed starting the 2023-2024 school year.

### **Will backpacks with padded backs be accepted?**

No. The backpack must have clear visibility through all dimensions.

**Are transparent-colored backpacks allowed?** No. Colored, transparent backpacks are not allowed. Only fully clear backpacks are permitted.



### **Are stripes allowed on the backpack?**

No. Stripes in any location are not allowed on the backpack.

**Can the backpack have colored straps?** Yes. The backpack may have colored straps.



**Are leather reinforcements on the corners of the backpack allowed?**

Yes. Leather reinforcements on the corners are permitted.



**Are company or trademark logos allowed on the front of the backpack?**

Yes. Small company and school logos are allowed, but large logos, monograms, or other visual design obstructions are not.



**Will athletic/spirit bags and instrument cases, which are not clear, be allowed on campus?**

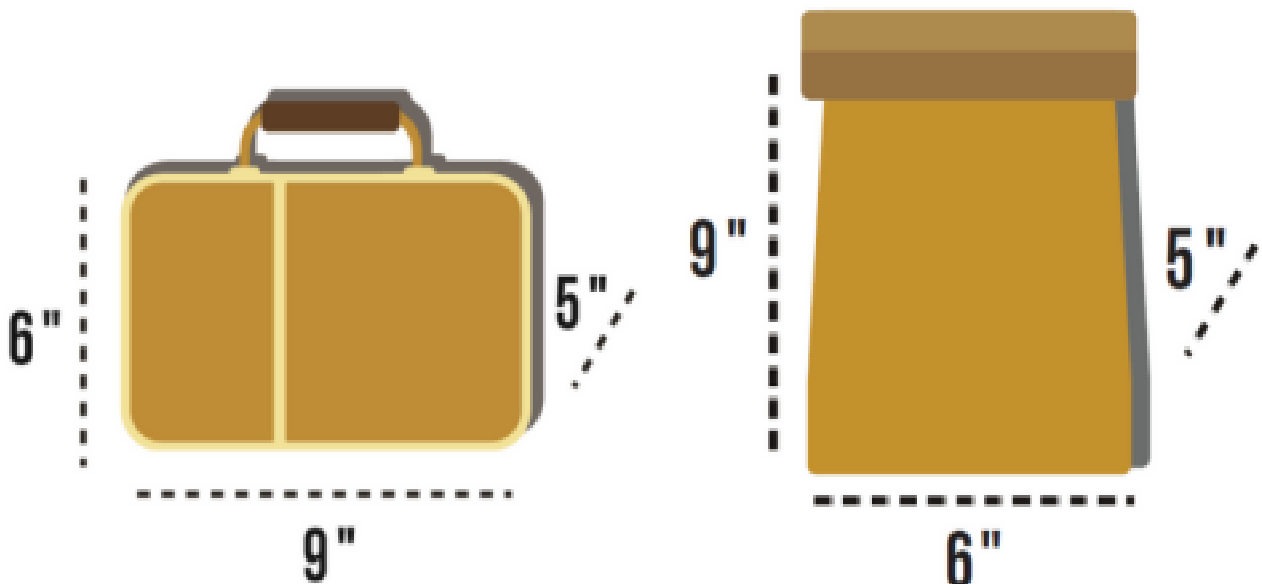
Yes, however, these bags must be stored as soon as the scholar arrives at school. They must be placed in lockers or secured in fine arts classrooms or athletic locker rooms as designated by school instructors.

**Can I line the inside of the backpack?**

No. Fabric, wallpaper, or any other material that conceals the contents of the backpack is not permitted.

**Are lunch boxes/kits permitted?**

Yes. Non-transparent lunch boxes/kits no larger than approximately 6" x 9" x 5" are permitted to be carried.



**Can multiple 6" x 9" bags be carried in school?** Yes. Scholars must limit non-transparent 6" x 9" bags (lunch boxes/kits, purses, pouches) to two bags, regardless of whether they are carried inside or outside the backpack.

**Are clear totes, clear purses, and transparent plastic bags allowed?**

Yes. Clear totes, purses, and bags are allowed.



**Where do I purchase a clear backpack?**

Online retailers such as Amazon are currently carrying clear backpacks. Several high school booster clubs have them available to order.

**Is there a health concern related to carrying clear backpacks such as exposure to plastic?**

No. According to current United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) research, chemicals released by plastic backpacks are not stored in the human body, so routine, low-level exposures like touching plastic products or breathing indoor air are unlikely to cause toxicity or disease.

**Is this an invasion of privacy?**

We understand the concern regarding the privacy of certain items contained within backpacks. Scholars will be permitted to carry such items in a small makeup pouch or purse within the backpack. Any non-transparent pouch, purse, or lunch box/kit should be no longer than 6" x 9" x 5"