



## **New Ascension Public Schools Clear Bag Guidelines**

Attendees are encouraged to limit the number of items they bring with them to middle and high school gymnasiums and stadiums in Ascension Public Schools for both athletic events and assembly events such as graduation. They will be able to carry (1) one of the following styles and size bags:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" (width; depth; height)
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of an adult hand but not larger than 4.5" x 6.5," with or without a handle or strap
- An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection (ex: oxygen travel bag)
- Diaper bags are allowed as long as they are accompanied by an infant.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, non-clear fanny packs, cinch bags, luggage of any kind, computer bags, camera bags, or any bag larger than the permissible size.

### **Prohibited Items**

For the safety of our guests and employees, the following are prohibited:

- Abusive, foul, or disruptive language or clothing
- Alcohol
- Animals (except service dogs to aid guests with disabilities)
- Balls (including but not limited to football, soccer, and lacrosse)
- Bottles, cans, and beverage containers of any kind (an empty clear fillable bottle is acceptable)
- Clear bags larger than 12" x 6" x 12" (width; depth; height) and all non-clear bags larger than 6.5" x 4.5," including purses, binoculars, and camera cases
- Coolers\*\*
- Drones and any other unmanned remote-controlled aircraft systems
- E-cigarettes and vaporizers
- Fighting, taunting, or threatening remarks or gestures
- Fireworks, firearms, and weapons of any kind
- Intoxication or other signs of impairment related to alcohol consumption or other drug use
- Laser pointers
- Strollers and wagons
- Trespassing, soliciting, peddling, and loitering
- Video cameras (cell phones that record are acceptable)
- Any other item or action deemed dangerous or inappropriate

\*\*Exceptions will be made for those with medical requirements and/or special needs.

**All persons and/or their belongings are subject to search as a condition of entry into any event at an Ascension Public Schools middle or high school gymnasium or stadium.**

# CLEAR BAG GUIDELINES

## Approved Bags



- Clear tote: plastic, vinyl or PVC bags that do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- Plastic storage bag: Clear one (1) gallon, resealable
- The only non-clear bags permitted are small bags (with or without a strap) no larger than the size of a hand
- Exceptions are made for credentialed media with sideline passes, medical necessity, and diaper bags

## Non-Approved Bags



- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch
- Backpacks
- Briefcases
- Camera Bags
- Non-Clear Fanny Packs
- Computer Bags
- Coolers
- Luggage
- Drawstring Bags

For more information on this policy, visit [AscensionSchools.org](http://AscensionSchools.org)

# Ascension Public Schools New Bag Guidelines

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Are all purses prohibited?**

No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with either the 12" x 6" x 12" (width; depth; height) clear tote bag or the one-gallon freezer bag. This should enable you to carry the same items you have in previous years and not slow entry into the venue\* for all fans. We encourage fans not to bring any bags but have created a policy that balances fan needs with improved public safety and convenience.

### **Do I have to put everything I'm carrying into the permissible bags?**

No. We are limiting only the type of bags carried into the venue, not items that you normally bring to a game. Therefore, you can carry in your jacket or pockets keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc., if you choose not to put them in a clear bag or clutch. You can carry a blanket over your arms and binoculars and/or camera around your neck or in your hands without the case. You can use the clear bag and clutch to carry other items. You will continue to have the flexibility to bring a wide variety of approved items into the venue\*. Every member of your family may carry in a permissible Bag.

### **What about diaper bags?**

Diaper bags are approved bags as long as an infant/small child is accompanying the bag.

### **If I have special medical equipment I need to have with me at all times, where do I put that?**

An exception will be made for medically necessary items after properly inspected by an official. Examples include an oxygen travel bag or a small cooler for insulin.

### **Will this policy affect the ability of fans to tailgate?**

No. Fans can enjoy tailgating activities in the parking lots and do so with greater safety and the knowledge that entry into the venue will be smoother and faster.

### **Why did Ascension Public Schools adopt these guidelines?**

APSB reviews its public safety and venue\* security policies every year, looking for ways to improve them. The District strongly believed that it made sense to adjust our policy to enhance public safety as the public deserves to be in a safe, secure environment.

### **Are other events and venues limiting bags as well?**

These guidelines are effective for events at middle and high school gymnasiums and stadiums only.

### **How does the policy improve public safety?**

The clear bag is easily and quickly scanned for dangerous items which will be prevented from entering our venues.

### **What about bringing blankets in cold weather?**

Fans can bring blankets by tossing them over a shoulder or arm. They can be easily screened by carrying a blanket into the venue.

### **How many bags can each person bring into the venue\*?**

One large clear bag – either a one-gallon Ziploc style bag or the 12" x 6" x 12" (width; depth; height) clear bag – plus a small clutch. The larger clear bag must be a standard 12" x 6" x 12" (width; depth; height) made of clear PVC vinyl and is easily searched. The one-gallon Ziploc bag is readily available, inexpensive, and easily searched. The small clutch allows privacy for small personal items and also is easily searched.

### **Can fans carry cameras, binoculars, smartphones, or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag?**

Yes. Binoculars, phones, or small cameras can be carried into the venue so long as they are not in a bag. Video cameras with tripods are restricted to credentialed attendees on the sidelines or in the press box.

### **What happens if I show up at the gate with a bag that is not permitted?**

Fans carrying bags that do not meet the criteria will be turned away from the venue.