

## Perry Central Community School Corporation Clear Backpack Policy Updates:

*Families are welcome to purchase the clear backpack of their choice at the store of their choice. However, we did purchase backpacks that we are selling to families as a convenience.*

The following are a few clarifications based on questions that have been posed. Also, the original email sent in May from Officer Clark is attached, and it has all the details regarding clear backpacks, as well as links to different types of acceptable backpacks.

- The clear backpack may have any color canvas/nylon/leather on reinforced seams, bottoms, sides, shoulder straps, and openings.
- The clear backpack may be tinted a color as long as it is still transparent.
- Students may carry any kind of small pencil pouches, lunchboxes/bags, or makeup pouches within the clear backpack.

### Clear Backpacks for Sale!



**Perry Central will be selling these backpacks at the Back-to-School Cookout for \$10.**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our new clear backpack policy. We have had some questions and concerns and felt it was important to communicate with all of you.

A large majority of our students carry their backpack from class to class. Some of our students bypass their locker for the entire day. We understand that a student's bag is more than a "book bag" these days. They are used for laptops, charging stations, a place to store snacks, and other personal items. We do not want them to lose access to their bags if they need them, but we also need to improve our response time if the situation arises. Within the students' bag, they will be allowed to carry any kind of small pencil pouches, lunchboxes/bags, makeup pouches and small pouches within their clear backpack. Some have said they plan to put a full-size backpack within their clear backpack, this will not be allowed.

A few parents have requested that we look at mesh style bags, and we have. Some mesh bags would be just fine, others would not. Therefore, to reduce the amount of confusion we are requiring clear backpacks only. Students can, however, use a small pouch inside their bag. Some clear backpacks are manufactured with mesh pockets, pouches, and drink/umbrella holders. Those are fine too. The clear backpack may have any color canvas/nylon/leather: reinforced seams, bottoms, sides, shoulder straps, and openings. We have included some links at the bottom of the page to use as examples below.

We will also be encouraging students to utilize their lockers this coming school year. Large backpacks in the classroom are dangerous as they become trip hazards, and backpacks are not as secure as a locked locker. We will be expanding passing periods to 5 minutes to help provide students extra time to utilize the lockers in between each passing period. This is a better place to store valuable items, personal items, and even some of their books.

Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, you are free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Levi Clark  
School Resource Officer  
Perry Central Community Schools



[https://www.amazon.com/LOKASS-Backpack-Transparent-Multi-Pockets-Backpacks-Trim-Adjustable/dp/B07FT7D1SQ?ref=fsclp\\_pl\\_dp\\_13](https://www.amazon.com/LOKASS-Backpack-Transparent-Multi-Pockets-Backpacks-Trim-Adjustable/dp/B07FT7D1SQ?ref=fsclp_pl_dp_13) (\$27)



[https://www.amazon.com/Clear-Drawstring-Backpack-Zipper-Pocket/dp/B07FWPGXPP/ref=sr\\_1\\_7?keywords=clear+backpack&qid=1555602171&s=gateway&sr=8-7](https://www.amazon.com/Clear-Drawstring-Backpack-Zipper-Pocket/dp/B07FWPGXPP/ref=sr_1_7?keywords=clear+backpack&qid=1555602171&s=gateway&sr=8-7) (\$9)

[https://www.amazon.com/NiceEbag-Backpack-Bookbag-Approved-Transparent/dp/B07HK7QCCL/ref=sr\\_1\\_5?keywords=clear+backpack+heavy+duty&qid=1563227927&s=gateway&sr=8-5](https://www.amazon.com/NiceEbag-Backpack-Bookbag-Approved-Transparent/dp/B07HK7QCCL/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=clear+backpack+heavy+duty&qid=1563227927&s=gateway&sr=8-5) (\$22)

