

Lancaster Community School District

Board of Education

**STUDENT USE OF BACKPACKS AND COATS DURING SCHOOL HOURS**

The carrying of backpacks and wearing of coats and jackets presents a potential safety risk to the student body of Lancaster Community School District. Therefore, students will be required to follow these restrictions.

1. **BACKPACK USE.** The School District of Lancaster does not allow students to use backpacks to transport materials to and from classes.
  - a. Students who bring backpacks, duffel bags, book bags, or other supply carrying containers to school must place them in their lockers at the start of each school day.
  - b. Those items may not be used to transport materials to and from classes during the day.
  - c. The building principal may waive this policy on a limited basis upon good cause to include, but not limited to special needs of students.
2. **WEARING OF OUTSIDE CLOTHING TO CLASSROOMS.** The School District of Lancaster is aware of the possibility of varied temperatures in classrooms throughout the buildings. It is suggested that students dress in layers so they may adjust to differing temperatures, however, ultimately, it is the responsibility of the students to dress in a manner that will allow them to be comfortable in all situations, and complies with the following items.
  - a. No students shall be permitted to wear any clothing during the regular school day, which is normally identified as outside apparel.
  - b. Hats, coats, and all other outerwear are to be placed in the locker at the beginning of the day and not removed until the student leaves the building.
  - c. The building principal may waive this policy on a limited basis upon good cause including, but not limited to special needs students, and certain health related conditions. (i.e. broken leg, wheelchair confinement).

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