



Clayton County Public Schools

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Clayton County Public Schools Releases Update on Incident at Hines Ward Field at Tara Stadium Parking Lot

JONESBORO- In light of the incident that occurred over the weekend, district officials and leaders plan to enhance security measures at all athletic activities. Due to the open and active investigation status of the aforementioned incident, the district's previous statement remains unchanged regarding the status of the victim. As the safety of our students, employees, and visitors to our schools and facilities remains our top priority, please see the security enhancements moving forward:

As a precaution, all spectators attending games at each stadium will continue to enter the facility through body scanners, weapon detection devices, and/or metal detectors. Bag searches will occur if necessary.

The district does not allow tailgating nor loitering in stadium parking lots or on school district property. In addition, Safety and Security personnel will be conducting roving security checks in the parking lots of all stadiums pre-game, during the game, and post-game.

The Clayton County Public Schools' Athletic Department has adopted standards established by the National Football League as it relates to bags/totes being brought to **all CCPS athletic events** during the 2023-2024 school year. Each individual attending an athletic event will be limited to a single bag that must meet the following standards:

- Bags/totes that are **clear plastic, vinyl or PVC** and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12."
- All bags/totes will be checked at the gate prior to entering the stadiums.
- No buckles, grommets/hardware or décor can be concealing any part of the bag/tote – the bag/tote literally must be all clear.
- Attendees may also use a one-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziplock bag or similar)
- **No outside food or beverages will be allowed inside any of the four stadiums for the 2023 football season.**

-An official document from the Clayton County Public School System-

About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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