

Clear Bag Policy for Graduation and Upcoming School Year

Dear Parents and Students,

As we approach the upcoming graduation ceremony and prepare for the new school year, we wanted to inform you of an important change in our safety protocols. Beginning with this year's graduation and moving forward into the next school year, we will be implementing a clear bag policy.

This decision has been made with the safety and security of all students, staff, and attendees in mind. The clear bag policy will help streamline security procedures, enhance safety measures, and ensure a smooth and secure experience for everyone involved in school events.

What does this mean for you? All attendees, including students and parents, will be required to use clear bags when entering the graduation venue or any school-related events. Clear bags allow for quick visual inspection, reducing the risk of prohibited items being brought into the premises.

We understand that this may be an adjustment for some, but please know that our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our school community. By working together and adhering to these guidelines, we can create a safer environment for everyone.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement this important safety measure. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Athletic Director, Louie Ramirez at leramirez@cguhsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindly,

Vista Grande Staff



Welcome to Vista Grande High School!

In an effort to enhance security practices and more efficiently monitor spectator entry into Vista Grande athletics events, district officials have implemented a new Clear Bag Requirement which regulates the size and type of bags that may be carried into district venues including Vista Grande Stadium, football field, and all Vista Grande High School and gymnasiums.

Bags that are permitted include:

- Bags that are clear plastic and do not exceed 12” x 6” x 12”
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags
- Small clutch bags or purses do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 4.5” x 6.5”

Bags not permitted include:

- Backpacks, printed pattern plastic bags, fanny packs, purses, reusable grocery totes, mesh or straw bags, duffle bags, large totes, camera/video bags* or binocular cases
- Diaper bags, although not clear, may be allowed entry after inspection by an event administrator

**Exceptions may be made for members of the news media upon prior arrangement and inspection by the VGHS Athletics Office.*

For more information, contact the VGHS Athletics Office at (520) 876-9400 ext 4104 or at ksmothers@cguhsd.org.



VISTA GRANDE

CLEAR BAG POLICY FOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES & EVENTS

1556 N Arizola Rd Casa Grande, AZ 85122

APPROVED BAGS

Large Bags:

- Clear plastic, vinyl or PVC
- Not to exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- No more than one logo, not obstructing contents



Single Logo



VGHS Branded



Clear

OR



One-Gallon Storage Bag

Small Bags:

- Small clutch bags (with or without a strap)
- Small clutch bags or purses do not have to be clear but cannot exceed 4.5" x 6.5"



PROHIBITED BAGS



OVERSIZED TOTE BAGS



SOLID TOTE BAGS



BACKPACKS



PURSES



SOLID DRAWSTRING BAGS



COOLER BAGS



WAIST BELT BAGS

*Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items and diaper bags after proper inspection at designated areas.



Casa Grande Union High School District #82 Athletics Clear Bag Policy

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Clear Bag Policy?

To enhance public safety and make venue access more efficient, CGUHSD Athletics adopted a Clear Bag Policy. Fans may bring in one (1) clear bag (Any Size). Fans are limited to one clear bag per person, along with a small clutch or purse for privacy.

Why did CGUHSD Athletics adopt this policy? CGUHSD Athletics adopted the Clear Bag policy to enhance public safety at our venues and provide a great game day experience.

How does the new policy improve public safety? Prohibited bags will be turned away. Any prohibited bag will be highly visible and be corrected immediately. The policy also supports the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

Can guests carry cameras, binoculars, smart phones or tablets separately from what they put in a clear bag? All of these items can be carried into the stadium as long as they are not in a bag or case.

Can I bring a blanket and extra jackets/clothing into the venue during cold weather? Guests may bring these items into the athletics venues by tossing them over a shoulder or arm. Items that are folded must be opened and inspected in order to gain entry into the venue.

What happens if I show up at the gate with a bag that is not permitted? Guests carrying a prohibited bag will not be permitted inside the venue. Fans with prohibited bags will need to return their bags to their vehicle and transfer their belongings to an approved clear plastic bag before entering the venue.

If I have certain items that I need to bring into the venue for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do? Guests carrying medically necessary bags or equipment into a venue will be required to have their bag inspected by security.

Are all purses prohibited? No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, are permitted along with a clear bag. This should enable guests to carry the same items they have in previous years and expedite entry into the venue. We strongly encourage fans not to bring any bags but have implemented a policy that appropriately balances the needs of our fans with our obligation to provide for their safety.

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 items (keys, makeup, feminine products, comb, phone, wallet, credit cards, etc.) in your pockets or jacket if you choose not to use a clear bag or clutch purse (4.5" x 6.5"). You can carry a blanket over your arms and binoculars and/or camera around your neck or in your hands. Guests 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 a permissible bag. The key is to not conceal items inside carrying cases, extra bags or bulky containers.