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# Clear Backpack Policy Presentation

# Purpose of the Policy

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**Main Goal:** Enhance student safety and security on campus

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Reduce the risk of prohibited items being brought into school

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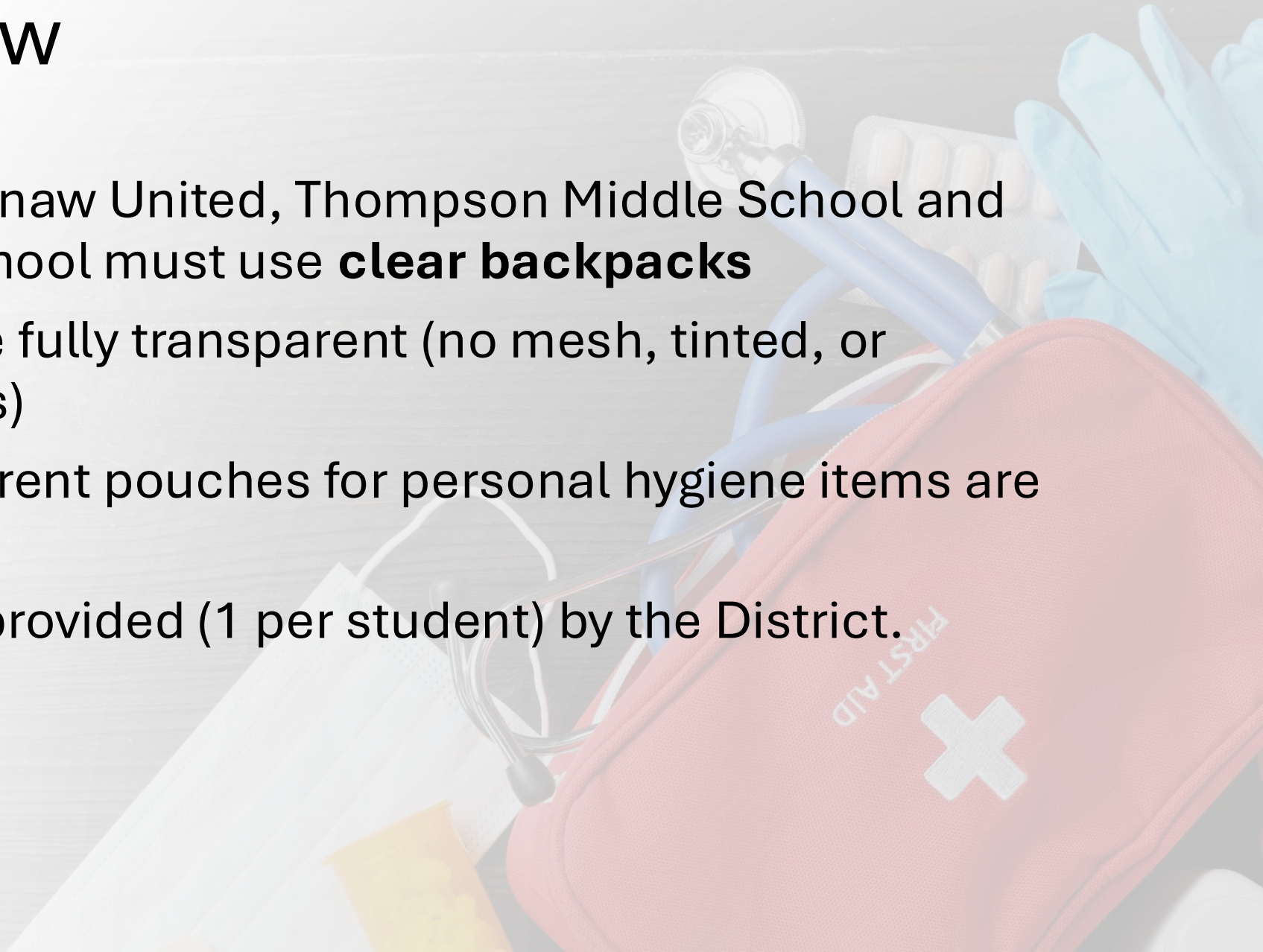
Support a safe, learning-focused environment

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Align with best practices from other school districts nationwide

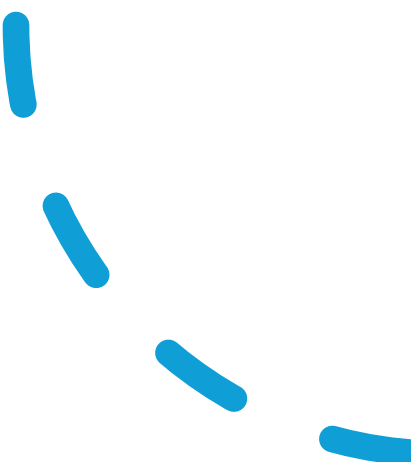
# Policy Overview

- All Students at Saginaw United, Thompson Middle School and Saginaw Middle School must use **clear backpacks**
- Backpacks must be fully transparent (no mesh, tinted, or patterned materials)
- Small, non-transparent pouches for personal hygiene items are allowed
- Backpacks will be provided (1 per student) by the District.





# Why This Policy Now?

- National trends in school safety
  - Recommendations from **school safety and security experts**
  - Incident prevention through increased visibility
  - Aligning with district's commitment to proactive safety measures
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# Implementation Timeline

**Distribution: First Days of School**

# What's Allowed / Not Allowed

- **Allowed:**

- Completely clear backpacks (PVC/vinyl)
- Small, non-transparent pencil cases inside backpack

- **Not Allowed:**

- Mesh, partially transparent, or patterned clear bags
- Backpacks with concealed compartments
- Large opaque bags



# Accommodation

- Medical needs (doctor's note required)
- Extracurricular equipment exceptions (sports gear, instruments)
- Disability accommodations as per ADA



## Support for Families

- **District-provided clear backpacks** for families. (1 per)
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