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Backpack Use in Middle School

Students are permitted to use backpacks or similar items to carry their school books, materials, or equipment while traveling to and from school. However, because of the importance of maintaining a safe environment in the school, such items must be stored in lockers or designated areas during the school day. The school principal will have the authority to make exceptions based on medical or health conditions, or disability. Englewood on the Palisades Charter School shall not assume responsibility for the theft, loss, or damage to a student's backpack or similar item, or its contents.

The following conditions shall apply:

1. Bookbags, backpacks, etc. shall be stored in the student's assigned locker or designated area.
2. Musical instrument cases shall be stored in the music room or designated storage area.
3. Chromebook cases shall be permitted for use during the school day.
4. Drawstring bags no larger than 13"x16" shall be permitted for use during the school day.

If any student is determined to be in violation of this policy, the school administrator will take corrective action, including, but not limited to the following: *f*

- Requiring the student to place the item in his/her locker *f*
- Taking reasonable steps to notify the parent *f*
- Initiating progressive disciplinary action for repeated violations or insubordination as appropriate, which may include detention, or suspension from school.

The school administrator may make a reasonable search of a student, including the search of a student's backpack or other belongings, on the school premises if he or she has a reasonable belief that the student is in possession of an item, the possession of which is a criminal offense under the laws of this State or a rule or policy of the Board of Trustees. This search shall be made in the presence of a third party.