



December 16, 2021

No Backpacks for Secondary Students on Dec. 17

Due to increased social media threats to schools across North Texas and throughout the country, **backpacks will not be allowed on Mansfield ISD middle and high school campuses on Friday, December 17.** Please know that at this time, there are no credible threats to any Mansfield ISD campuses. This measure is being taken out of an abundance of caution in protecting the safety of students and staff.

This layer of protection is in addition to the heightened physical security measures the district implemented in early October, which include:

- The Mansfield ISD Police Department partnering with neighboring agencies to ensure that more law enforcement is available at our campuses.
- A designated district-level staff member who is fully trained in safety and security assisting campuses with monitoring high-traffic and common areas in real time through our video surveillance systems.
- The district is continuing random metal detector wand checks at our secondary campuses for weapons and other unauthorized objects.

Mansfield ISD and local law enforcement agencies take all threats that are made against our students and staff members very seriously. We want to make it clear that Mansfield ISD will not tolerate this type of behavior at all. Please talk with your child about the dangers of making any threats, even if they are doing it as a joke.

MISD is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is safe and productive and supports criminal prosecution of any individual who threatens harm to our students, staff and campuses. Any person involved in making threats that break the law or go against [MISD's Student Code of Conduct](#) will face the necessary consequences.

If you have any questions regarding these changes for tomorrow, please contact your child's campus directly.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to work together to keep our students and staff safe.