

## **Backpacks**

To improve safety and consistency on campus, **no backpacks, string backpacks, lunch boxes, purses or bags** will be allowed in the classrooms or common areas during the school day.

Upon arrival to campus, students will have the opportunity to secure instruments and athletic equipment in the appropriate storage locations. Backpacks and lunches will need to be placed in lockers before 1<sup>st</sup> period begins at 8:50. Students may retrieve lunches from lockers during the passing period before 5<sup>th</sup> period.

### **Additional Background Information:**

We chose to allow students to bring any backpack to campus because we know we have students that walk to campus and students involved in various activities. Once on campus, all backpacks will be stored in lockers. Some of the reasons are listed below:

- It helps ensure safety of all students while on campus. Bags in the classroom often become a tripping hazard. Bags in common areas can be a tripping hazard and are susceptible to theft.
- Without bags, the opportunity to bring prohibited or inappropriate items into class is decreased.
- It helps teach the students organizational and time management skills.

Student lockers will be in the same area as their academic classes so they will be able to quickly access their belongings.