



# Western Heights Public School District

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Western Heights Families and Community Members,

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Western Heights Public Schools believes that student and community attendance at extracurricular activities is an important part of the educational experience that bolsters pride which is a pillar of our new strategic plan. These events allow for our students and community to unite and highlight the endless talent of our student body. However, we want to ensure that these events remain safe and fun for all as the safety of Western Heights' students, staff, guests, and community members is our top priority. In order to promote safety at all school-sponsored events, the District will adhere to the following event safety guidelines:

- All spectators will be expected to enter through a weapons detection system;
- All school-age spectators must be affiliated with the participating schools unless accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- Middle and elementary school age students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the entire duration of the event;
- All high school students will be verified by school officials to be allowed entry into the event;
- No bags allowed - only a small clutch style wallet for personal & medical needs will be allowed following a thorough search;
- Students that leave the game will NOT be allowed to re-enter;
- No entry after the start of the 4th quarter of the last game, or once capacity is reached;
- No loitering allowed in school parking lots or on school grounds.

As a reminder, **weapons of any kind are not permitted on any Western Heights Public Schools Campuses**. The district policy prohibits the possession and/or use of weapons and firearms on District property. Employees and/or students that violate this provision will be subject to disciplinary action.

If these guidelines are not followed, Western Heights Public Schools' Administration reserves the right to deny entry or remove any individual from the school event at any time. Above all, Western Heights Public Schools appreciates the cooperation of all students, families, and community members to ensure the utmost safety at all school events.

#SoaringToNewHeights

Thank you,

**Brayden Savage**  
Superintendent

**Julie Moore**  
Chief Operations Officer

**Terry Long, Jr.**  
Director of District Athletics

## **SPECTATOR PROCEDURES**

- No Re-Entrance
- No entry after the start of the 4th Quarter of the last game or once capacity is reached
- Middle School and High School students, from both participating schools, must present an ID and it must be worn at all times of the event.
  - If the visiting school does not have IDs, an administrator for the visiting school must be present to admit the visiting students
- Middle School and Elementary School students must have a guardian present at the event for the duration of the event.
- No bags permitted unless it is a clear plastic tote bag (1 per person)
- Non-transparent clutch wallets no larger than 4.5"x6.5" (1 per person)
- Bags necessary for approved medical equipment
- Approved family care items (diapers, formula, etc.) must be included in the clear plastic tote bag.
- All visitors/spectators will need to remain seated during the event. No Loitering under the stadium, at concession stands, restrooms, or on rails, in aisles to bleachers/stadiums.
- All visitors/spectators are required to stay on their respective sides for the duration of the event.

## **SENIOR NIGHT / HOMECOMING**

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All normal safety precautions and measures will still be in place for these events. However, because we know there will be an influx of family and friends in attendance, we wanted to provide an overview of how WHPS will accommodate.

- All individuals will enter through a metal detection device
- Families will enter through the southwest side of the stadium (Home side)
- Families will receive a different color wristband on the night of the event, provided by WHPS
- Families will stay seated and are not allowed to be on the field during any of the events
- All elementary students and Bridgestone students are invited (free of charge), but must be accompanied by an adult

**NO FIREARMS, WEAPONS, OR EXPLOSIVES ARE ALLOWED ON WESTERN HEIGHTS SCHOOL CAMPUSES.** Oklahoma prohibits possession of a firearm on any public or private school property.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

- Explosives, firearms, or weapons
- Alcohol (in all forms)
- Bags, backpacks, fanny packs, and hard binocular cases (only clear bags allowed)
- Balloons (unless it is part of a school sponsored ceremony)

- Beach balls, footballs, balls, or other sporting equipment
- Coolers, containers, or ice chests
- Laser pointers
- Pets (with the exception of registered service animals)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Director of District Athletics, Mr. Terry Long, Jr.