

MESQUITE WORKS  
Personal Property and Backpacks  
Policy 6-2024

**General Policy:** At our STEAM Center, we strive to create a safe and organized environment for all participants. To ensure the security of personal belongings and maintain a clutter-free space, we have established a Personal Property and Backpack Policy. We kindly request that parents and guardians review and discuss these guidelines with their child before their participation at our center.

**Personal Belongings:**

Participants are responsible for their personal belongings brought to the center. This includes items such as backpacks, electronic devices, books, stationery, and any other personal items. We recommend labeling all personal belongings with the participant's name to avoid confusion or loss.

**Secure Storage:**

Designated storage areas will be provided for participants to store their personal belongings during their time at the STEAM Center. Participants are encouraged to keep their belongings organized and secure. However, it is important to note that the STEAM Center and its staff are not liable for any loss, theft, or damage to personal property.

**Backpack Policy:**

Participants are permitted to bring backpacks to the center. However, we request that backpacks be kept in designated areas when not in use. This helps maintain a neat and unobstructed learning environment and reduces the risk of accidental damage or tripping hazards.

**Valuables and Restricted Items:**

Participants are advised not to bring valuable or unnecessary items to the STEAM Center. This includes expensive jewelry, large sums of money, electronic devices not required for program activities, and any items that may cause distractions or disruptions. The STEAM Center and its staff cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage to restricted or unnecessary items.

**Lost or Misplaced Items:**

In the event that a participant misplaces or loses a personal item, we will make reasonable efforts to assist in locating the item. However, the STEAM Center and its staff cannot guarantee the recovery of lost items. We recommend that participants regularly check their belongings and ensure they have all their personal items before leaving the center.

#### Communication and Cooperation:

We encourage open communication between parents, guardians, and participants regarding personal belongings and the importance of responsible ownership. By reinforcing these guidelines and fostering a sense of responsibility, we can collectively create a safe and organized environment at the STEAM Center.

Please be aware that failure to comply with our Personal Property and Backpack Policy may result in reminders, temporary restrictions, or loss of access to personal storage areas, depending on the severity and frequency of the non-compliance.

Adopted:

Chair, Mesquite Works

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