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CARRY ON ITEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES

While it is preferred that school buses carry only students, the Division realizes that in order for students to fully participate in their education from time to time it is necessary for them to bring equipment on board the bus. When such is necessary the following rules shall apply whether for a regular run or an extracurricular run of the bus:

1. The centre aisle of buses must be kept clear of people, articles, and debris at all times.
2. The Principal or designate and the driver shall assume joint responsibility for determining the acceptability of articles to be carried on the bus. In the event of disagreement the driver shall have immediate authority. Disputes may be forwarded to the Transportation Department for final resolution.
3. The driver has the authority to limit what and how much a student can bring onboard the bus.
 - a. Items held in the possession of students shall be limited to small items that can be easily carried on the lap or stored under the seat occupied by the student.
 - b. Skates will be permitted only when they are enclosed in a proper skate or gym bag and must be able to fit under the seat or placed in student's lap.
 - c. As a general rule equipment with sharp or protruding edges is not to be transported on a school bus.
 - d. Other personal effects may be permitted provided that they are enclosed or safely secured.
 - e. Band instruments will be allowed providing they fit under the seat or can be placed on the student's lap.
 - f. Hockey equipment is not permitted on a school bus with students on board.
4. Schools and students may be required to make alternate arrangements for transporting large items i.e. musical instruments, large science projects and dangerous physical education equipment.

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