



Section <b>Transportation of Equipment on School Buses</b>	Page 1 of 1
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<b>Statement</b>	The Manual for School Vehicle Operations produced by the Ministry of Transportation states that firearms or any object that is dangerous in nature must not be transported with students.
<b>Procedures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Under no circumstances shall the driver knowingly permit the carrying of restricted or prohibited weapons as outlined in the Criminal Code.</li> <li>2. Under no circumstances are flammable, corrosive or explosive materials to be carried on buses transporting students.</li> <li>3. Materials transported within a bus must be stored in such a manner as to minimize a threat in the event of a rapid stop or change of direction.</li> <li>4. <b>Skates</b> - Skate blades shall be covered by guards, tied together and carried in a bag. The skates shall be placed on the floor of the bus at the student's feet.</li> <li>5. <b>Skis and Poles</b> - Skis and ski poles may not be transported on a school bus unless that bus is equipped with suitable storage space under the floor of the bus.</li> <li>6. <b>Hockey Equipment</b> - Hockey equipment shall not be transported to and from school on a bus unless that bus is equipped with suitable storage space under the floor of the bus <b>AND</b> special permission has been received from the principal and the driver. Hockey sticks may be taken to school on Mondays and returned on Fridays provided that they are stored in a safe and secure place as determined by the driver.</li> <li>7. <b>Musical Instruments</b> - Musical instruments may be transported if they can be kept on the student's lap. Large instruments must be secured in a safe place.</li> <li>8. <b>Skateboards/Scooters/Roller Blades</b> - Skateboards, scooters, and roller blades shall not be transported on a school bus.</li> <li>9. <b>Pets</b> - Pets shall not be transported on a school bus with the exception of service/guide dogs according to 403 Transporting Students with Service Dogs.</li> <li>10. <b>Other</b> - The decision to transport other objects to and from schools shall be determined in advance by the principal and the school bus operator with RRDTS.</li> </ol>