

1. Policy Information

Section: Student Carry-on Bags and Equipment on School Vehicles
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2. Rationale

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) policy for Student Carry-on Bags and Equipment on School Vehicles identifies the type and manner in which students are permitted to transport carry-on bags and equipment on school vehicles including: personal and/or sporting equipment, musical instruments and school projects.

3. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the SCSTC to follow Member District School Boards' policies and procedures as it relates to the safe transportation of carry-on bags and equipment. Notwithstanding the preceding, it is the policy of the SCSTC to follow the guidelines as required by the governing laws.

4. Overview

4.1. Schools are to communicate to parents and/or guardians and students the following guidelines to support student safety when transporting personal and/or sporting equipment, musical instruments or school projects on school vehicles:

4.1.1. Equipment Permitted on School Vehicles:

4.1.1.1. All personal and/or sporting equipment, musical instruments or school projects listed below **MUST** fit safely on the students' lap or between their legs to be permitted on the school vehicle.

4.1.1.1.1. Backpacks or Sport Bags;

4.1.1.1.2. Musical Instruments– provided they are in a case;

4.1.1.1.3. School Projects – provided they do not pose a threat to student safety on the school vehicle;

4.1.1.1.4. Ice Skates – provided they have guards and are carried in a sports type bag;

4.1.1.1.5. Sport Balls and/or Discs – provided they are in a sports type bag.

Note: Students must have a hand free to use the handrail to safely enter and exit the school vehicle.

4.1.2. Equipment NOT Permitted on School Vehicles:

- 4.1.2.1. Skis, Snowboards or Snow Skates;
- 4.1.2.2. Hockey Sticks, Lacrosse Sticks, Baseball Bats or Curling Brooms;
- 4.1.2.3. Toboggans or Snow Racers;
- 4.1.2.4. Skateboards;
- 4.1.2.5. Pets;
- 4.1.2.6. Other personal and/or sporting equipment, musical instruments or school projects that do not meet the criteria for being permitted on school vehicles.

5. References

SCDSB Policy 2410 – Transportation

SCDSB APM A7605 – Student Conduct on School Buses – Equipment Carried on School Buses

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