



NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

TRANSPORTATION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS, PETS, AND SMALL CHILDREN

1. Sports equipment:

- a) **Ice Skates:** 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.
- b) **Hockey equipment** shall not be transported to and from school on a bus. **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; the principal and operator(s) must be in agreement.
- c) **Skiing equipment:** Skis and ski poles may only be transported on school buses equipped with suitable storage space under the floor of the bus.
- d) **Snowboards** are not permitted.
- e) **Toboggans, sleds, GTs,** etc. are not permitted; **crazy carpets** must be rolled up and secured in this fashion and kept in the student's lap.
- f) **Small sports equipment** (i.e. ball, glove, etc.) are permitted if they remain stored in a school bag.

2. **Musical instruments** may be transported if they can be kept in the student's lap. This includes, but is not limited to, guitars (including bass guitars), other string instruments with the exception of cellos and double-basses, woodwind instruments, brass instruments with the exception of tubas, small drums (ex. bongos) and mini-keyboards. Large drums and full-size keyboards are not permitted; as mentioned above, cellos, double-basses, and tubas are not permitted.

3. **Skateboards** must always be kept in the student's lap. **Long boards** are not permitted.

4. **Bicycles** are not permitted.

5. **Tools:** Only those tools which are required as part of a course or other school program may be transported. Any tools with sharp ends must have guards on those ends and all tools must be kept in a closed tool box or bag (i.e. backpack) at the student's feet.

6. **Large school projects** are permitted only if there are no loose items (i.e. everything is attached to Bristol board or contained in a box or bag) and can be kept in the student's lap. Students accept full responsibility for any damage to the project during transportation.

7. **Umbrellas** must be kept in the student's lap or at their feet, and are only permitted on rainy days.

8. **Knives, laser pointers, fireworks and any flammable object or substance (including lighters and matches)** are considered to be dangerous items and consequently are not permitted.

9. **Pets** are not permitted, regardless of size, due to the potential of allergies and of animals loose on the bus during transportation. For Service Animals, please see the related operating procedure.

10. **Children under school age** (i.e. 3½ -years-old and under) are not permitted, with the exception of those in the Family Enrichment Program and those permitted through agreements between drivers and their employers (ex. the driver's child). Transport Canada and the NPSSTS recommend the use of appropriate child restraint devices for such children who weigh less than 18 kilograms.