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1.0 PRINCIPLES

It is the policy of the South Shore Regional Centre for Education (SSRCE) that students be transported safely onboard school buses to and from school. This is achieved in part through managing student luggage items.

2.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1. This policy complies with the Education Act and other related provincial acts and policies.
 - 2.1.1. Motor Carrier Act for the Province Nova Scotia
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3.0 AUTHORIZATION

The Regional Executive Director is authorized to issue procedures in support of this policy.

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1.0 PROCEDURES

- 1.1. The Motor Carrier Act states that items on a school bus are “not to be placed in the aisle or in such a position that it extends into the aisle”; therefore, students are permitted to bring on the school bus only those items that can be safely and comfortably:
 - 1.1.1. Held on the student’s lap
 - 1.1.2. Placed on the floor under the student’s own seat in carrying cases or bags, or
 - 1.1.3. Placed on the seat next to the student (provided there is sufficient space).
- 1.2. The following is a list of items **not** permitted on school buses during regular bus runs:
 - 1.2.1. The wearing of footwear with cleats and/or spikes
 - 1.2.2. Scooters
 - 1.2.3. Large instruments (other instruments must be in a case and able to fit safely on the students lap or alongside the student and cannot obstruct the aisle).
 - 1.2.4. Hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks, golf clubs or bags
 - 1.2.5. Skis and poles
 - 1.2.6. Any pole type object or stick
 - 1.2.7. Large school projects that will not fit easily next to or on the student’s lap – projects must be approved between the school and the drivers beforehand
 - 1.2.8. Pets, live animals, reptiles, bugs, etc.
 - 1.2.9. Water guns
 - 1.2.10. Laser Pens, lights and pointers
 - 1.2.11. Toboggans, sleds, crazy carpets, etc.
- 1.3. For the purposes of maintaining discipline, the bus is considered an extension of the classroom. Therefore, items forbidden from school property are also prohibited from the bus (i.e. firearms, toy guns, knives, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs).
- 1.4. The following items are permitted providing there is sufficient room on the bus:
 - 1.4.1. Skates – guarded and in a canvas bag
 - 1.4.2. Sports balls in a bag
 - 1.4.3. Skateboards completely covered in a canvas bag
 - 1.4.4. Roller blades in a canvas bag
- 1.5. The following items are permitted on school bus trips:
 - 1.5.1. Golf clubs, hockey and lacrosse sticks (in a proper sports bag and securely tied down on the bus)
 - 1.5.2. Musical instruments and equipment.
- 1.6. The school bus driver has the authority to enforce the rules of safety on the bus and shall not unreasonably deny the carriage of authorized luggage.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Executive Director to ensure these administrative procedures are followed.