

<b>FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>		<b>Reg. No. 200-15</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENT PROJECTS ON SCHOOL BUSES</b>	<b>Date of Issue: 5/16/83</b>
<b>Preparing Office:</b>	<b>Office of the Superintendent</b>	<b>Amended: 9/5/07</b>

I. Policy 441

II. Procedures

- A. During daily school bus operations, students may transport large objects/instruments on the school bus under the following conditions:
1. The item can be secured on the student's lap and does not interfere with other students in the same seat or present a safety hazard for the bus driver.
  2. No objects/instruments will be allowed in the bus aisle or at either exit area under any circumstances.
- B. During daily school bus operations, students transported on the school bus may not carry any of the following objects because of safety considerations:
1. Glass containers or other such breakable containers.
  2. Pets or animals regardless of whether or not they are related to school projects.
  3. Firearms, knives, or any other sharp instruments that could cause damage to students or the interior of the bus.
  4. Alcoholic beverages or any controlled dangerous substance.
  5. Any combustible material or object which is capable of causing flames or fire.
  6. Any device or object which may create a loud or distracting noise for the bus driver.
  7. Skateboards
- C. During the course of the school year, it may be necessary for parents to transport students with various "one time event" school projects which are too large, dangerous, and do not meet the minimum guidelines in sections A and B of these regulations.
- D. During field trip operations, objects/instruments may be transported with the students if the following rules are followed:
1. No objects/instruments will be allowed in the bus aisle or at either exit areas under any circumstances.
  2. The bus driver has final authority and responsibility to ensure that the objects/instruments are secure before the field trip begins.
  3. When economically and operationally possible, equipment should be transported on a separate bus or on another vehicle if the number of objects/instruments is too large.

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