

NORTH ST PAUL-MAPLEWOOD-OAKDALE SCHOOLS  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
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OBJECTS AND MATERIALS PROHIBITED ON REGULAR TO/FROM SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

1. Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota State Rules contain provisions which are designed to protect school bus passengers by controlling the transportation of dangerous objects in a school bus. Prohibited objects include loose or bulky object that are not part of the regular education school program. Additionally, no object shall be so placed in a bus as to restrict any part of the passageway leading to any emergency exit.
2. No weapons of any kind may be transported on a school bus. These include, but are not limited to knives, guns, any nocuous or dangerous chemicals or any other potential weapon.
3. No flammable objects of any kind may be transported on a school bus. These include, but are not limited to gasoline, lighter fluid, spray paint, matches, lighters and any other flammable substances including any fireworks.
4. No animals of any type may be transported on a school bus. The exception being a, certified seeing eye dog for the visually impaired may be transported upon approval of the School District Transportation Department.
5. It is illegal to transport any object which is likely to cause injury to a student in an accident. Objects which may not be transported on a regular education school bus include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Skis and ski poles cannot be transported on any school bus.
  - b. Hockey equipment cannot be transported on any regular education school bus.
  - c. Golf bags and equipment cannot be transported on a regular education school bus.
  - d. Bats and Lacrosse sticks cannot be transported on a regular education school bus.
  - e. Buses specifically provided for extracurricular events, or any other non-regular education busing, may carry equipment on board the bus provided the equipment is secured and does not block the bus aisle or emergency exits. The School District will provide a trailer for big and bulky equipment on extracurricular trips including sports trips when deemed necessary.
6. Band instruments and athletic equipment may only be transported on a regular education school bus under two circumstances:
  - a. The equipment must be small enough to be held on the students lap or;
  - b. The equipment may be held between the students legs on the floor of the school bus and do not extend higher than the seat back. Under no circumstance may athletic or band equipment be transported that is not physically controlled by the student.
7. Items that are not part of the regular or extracurricular school sponsored program may not be transported on any School District School Bus. This would include but is not limited to skateboards.