

What can be brought on the bus?

The New York State Department of Transportation and federal regulations PROHIBIT bringing large items and musical instruments on school buses. All items that the child will be bringing to school should be packed in a carrying case, such as a tote bag or backpack, which must be small enough to be held on the student's lap. Large items and food for class parties may not be transported by school bus.

Acceptable Items if Held on Lap:

- **INTRUMENTS:** Piccolo, oboe, flute, soprano clarinet, bassoon, snare drum, alto saxophone, French horn, trombone, trumpet, violin, and viola.
- **SPORTS GEAR:** Lacrosse sticks that are less than 44 inches in length are allowed on the bus so long as they are carried inside a carrying bag/case. Lacrosse sticks that are larger than 44 inches are not allowed on the bus, parents should make other arrangements for transportation.
- **SPORTS GEAR:** Soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs, softballs, or any other type of ball are not allowed on the bus unless they are secured inside a backpack or sports bag.

Large Items Not Accepted as Lap Items:

- **INSTRUMENTS NOT ALLOWED:** Including, but are not limited to: Alto clarinet, bass clarinet, contra bass clarinet, baritone saxophone, cello, guitar, tenor saxophone, tuba, baritone horn, string bass, large school projects, skateboards, bikes, fishing poles, skis and poles, and sleds.
- **NOT ALLOWED:** Including, but not limited to: Any weapons, glass containers, and aerosol cans, pets or any live animals other than guide dog, hearing dog or service dog properly harnessed, accompanying a person with a disability.