

Departments: Finance and Operations
Section: Operations – Transportation

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board believes that the safety of students travelling on Board-provided modes of transportation is the primary factor considered in permitting the carriage of specific articles on the school bus. The *Board Public Passenger Motor Carrier Act Regulations made under subsection 27(1) of the Motor Carrier Act, Section 39 1) c)* states that “articles are not to be placed in the aisle or in such a position that it extends into the aisle” on a school bus.

The Board believes that physical fitness and musical programs play a significant role in the educational development of students in our schools. Because the programs form part of the curriculum, the Board may be obligated to permit the carriage of musical instruments and sports equipment on Board-owned and Private Contracted school buses. Sports equipment and musical instruments must be carried in an approved case or bag, must not displace or cause discomfort to other students, and must meet the storage requirements of the Nova Scotia *Motor Carrier Act*.

Monitoring:

- The Director of Operations is responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and revision of this policy.
- This policy will be monitored annually.