

Bringing Items on the Bus

Only items required for curriculum are to be transported on the school bus. Any items brought on to the school bus must be stored under the seat, they cannot block aisles or emergency exits. Items must be placed so that they cannot be dislodged when the brakes of the school bus are applied, during acceleration of the school bus or in the event of an accident involving the school bus.

The driver is responsible for ensuring that items are transported in accordance with this section. Dangerous items such as firearms and live animals, are not allowed on a school bus.

Students may only carry those items which can be held safely on their laps. The items must not stick up above the seat and must not be wider than 33 cm x 33 cm x 59 cm (13"x13"x23") so as not to intrude in another student's space or stick out into the aisle. Items allowed on the school bus must be held on the students lap at all times.

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- Section 4.4 New technology and materials
 - The requirements of this Standard shall not preclude the use of new technology or new pieces of equipment or components not specified in this Standard if the technology, equipment, or components meet the following criteria:
 - a) The effectiveness or integrity of any major safety system (e.g., compartmentalization, emergency exit opportunity, the uncluttered yellow colour scheme, fuel system integrity) shall not be compromised.
 - b) The safe environment of the bus interior shall not be diminished.
 - c) There shall be no additional risk to students during entry or egress or while in or near the loading zone.
 - d) The new technology, equipment, or components shall result in an enhancement in the efficiency and/or safety of the bus, an enhancement in the safety or experience of the occupants and pedestrians in the vicinity of the bus, or an aid to the performance of the driver's tasks.
- Section 4.5 Mounting of equipment supplied with the vehicle
 - Safety equipment, portable support equipment, special accessory items, or other pieces of equipment supplied with the vehicle but that are not an integral part of it shall be secured at a mounting location that is designed to withstand a pulling force of 20 times the weight of the item in any direction or shall be retained in an enclosed and secured latched compartment that is capable of withstanding a pulling force of 20 times its weight with the contents inside.
- 6.18.1 -The interior of the bus shall be free of all unnecessary projections likely to cause injury
- 6.18.4 -A means of securement shall be provided for cleaning equipment installed in a suitable position that does not impede passenger safety or driver visibility. The securement device shall be designed to retain the equipment (e.g. a broom or mop).

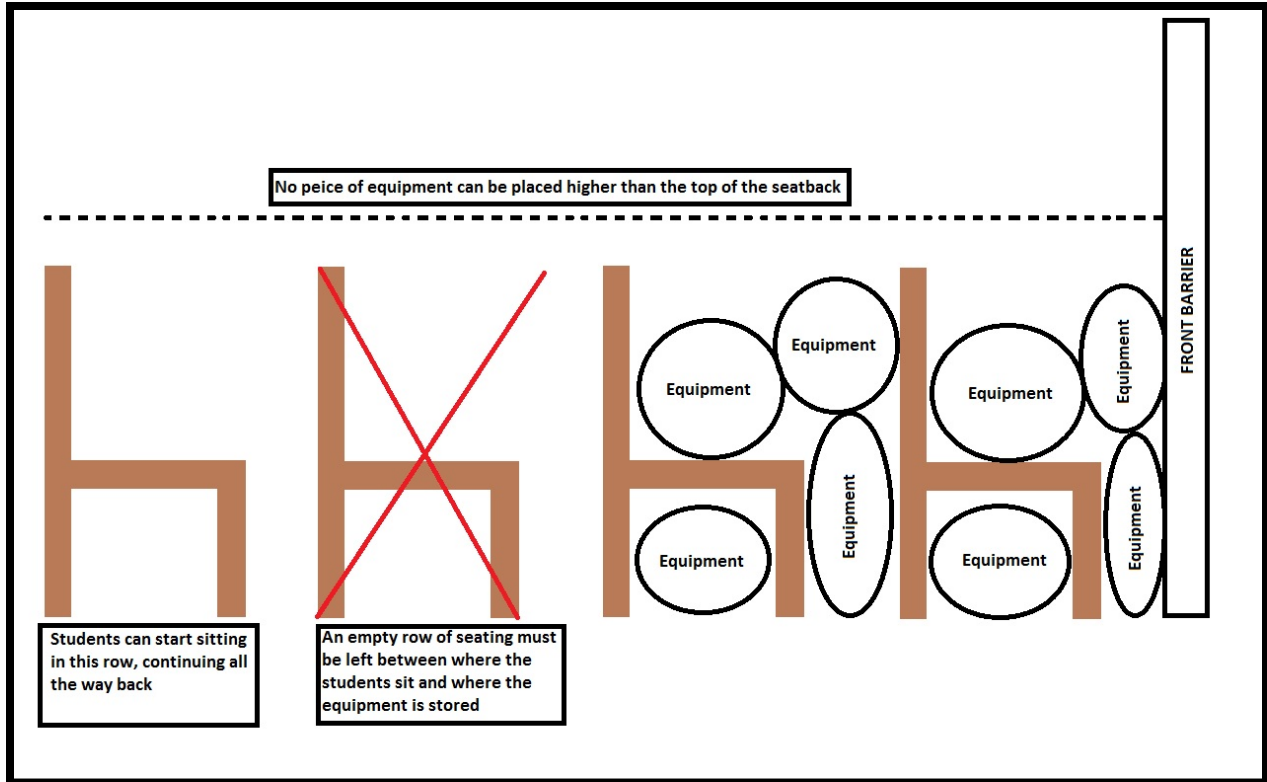
The School Bus Operating Regulations –

Duties

4 Every driver shall:

- g) ensure that every object that is carried onto the bus for transportation and that cannot be held by a passenger is placed as close to the front barrier as is practical and as low as is practical, and, in any event, that those objects do not exceed the height of the barrier and are placed, where possible, in front of or under a seat that is close to the front of the bus.

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Both rows would have to be filled with equipment beginning at the front of the bus. (I.e. equipment cannot occupy the entire left row with children seated on the right row)

