

Prohibited Items on a School Bus
Ithaca City School District Transportation Dept.
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No items (coolers, luggage, sports equipment, etc.) may be placed in the bus aisle on a regular run or school or sports trip. It is against the law to block the aisle or block access to an emergency exit on a school bus.

Weapons, cutting tools, aerosol sprays, laser pointers, or glass containers are not permitted on a school bus.

Large items (string bass, drums, tubas, amplifiers, skis & ski poles, long snowboards - more than 3', sleds, scooters, etc.) are not permitted on regular bus runs. Such items may be allowed on school trips if the bus is equipped with a luggage compartment. Pre-approval from the Transportation Department is required. (Please call 274-2128)

Smaller items such as baseball bats, hockey and lacrosse sticks, and tennis racquets are permitted if they are transported inside a case, bag, or satchel, or securely wrapped in a towel. Balls must be carried in a bag or container. Smaller musical instruments are permitted if they can be carried on your child's lap.

Roller skates, skateboards, ice skates with blade protectors, and short snowboards (less than 3') are permitted if transported in a carrying case or secured inside a backpack.

School projects are permitted at the driver's discretion if they can be safely accommodated in a bus seat or at the front of the bus. Plants should be properly bagged so soil doesn't spill. Umbrellas, crutches, and canes are permitted; they should be stowed next to the seated passenger.

Pets and animals and insects for school projects are not permitted on the bus, even in secure containers. Inflated balloons are not permitted on a bus.

No metal spikes may be worn on board the bus, please. They damage the bus floor.

Electronic games, musical devices with earphones, and cell phones are permitted on the bus as long as they do not create a distraction. Noise level must be kept low. Earphones may not be used and cell phones may not be worn while students are boarding or exiting the bus. Students are not permitted to take or display photos on the bus with a cell phone or camera.

Chewing gum is prohibited on a bus. Food and drinks other than water are not permitted on regular bus runs. With the driver's approval eating may be allowed on long sports or field trips. Peanut products and perfume or other fragrance products are not allowed at any time - allergic reactions can be life threatening.

Student medication cannot be transported to or from school on the bus. Getting a student's medication to school is the parent's responsibility.