

## **Band Instruments and Other Carry-On Items**

Band instruments, or other items, carried on a school bus must be of such size that they can be transported in the student's lap. This is necessary to insure that all items are kept under the control of the student at all times in case of an accident or an emergency. The United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Standard 17, Pupil Transportation Safety, reads in part:

*...baggage and other items transported in the passenger compartment should be stored so that the aisles are kept clear and the doors and emergency exits of school vehicles remain unobstructed at all times. School district compliance with this standard is mandatory. No student's carry-on items can obstruct the orderly emergency or non-emergency exiting of the school bus. Securement of carry-on items prohibits them from becoming flying objects in the event of an accident. Items on the seats, floor, or obstructing the aisles endanger all students on the bus.*

Please also see the South Carolina Department of Education memorandum on carry-on items [here](#).

The following is a list of instruments that are too large to be transported on a school bus: French Horn, Drums, Baritone Sax, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba, and Cello. Other instruments such as a trumpet or trombone are allowed on the bus as long as they meet the requirements above.