



**NIPISSING-PARRY SOUND
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Section Transportation – Student Safety	Revised January 12, 2017
<p align="center">SS – 012 Transportation of Equipment and Personal Effects on School-Purpose Vehicles</p>	
<p>General Statement</p>	<p>Given the need to balance student safety with the needs of students to bring certain items with them during transportation, the Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services (NPSSTS) has established the following guidelines for the transportation of equipment and other personal effects.</p> <p>These guidelines apply to all school-purpose vehicles contracted through the NPSSTS (school bus, taxi, boat, or any other contracted vehicle) and to all students whose transportation is arranged through NPSSTS, regardless of age, grade, geographical location, or level of ability.</p> <p>These guidelines apply to home-to-school transportation only. As the NPSSTS does not arrange charter transportation for charters (i.e. field/sports trips) or for the secondary school late busses, equipment guidelines for such are at the discretion of the applicable operators and school administration.</p>
<p>Operational Procedure</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Items which can be kept in the student’s backpack, lap, or securely at their feet are generally permitted. 2. Bulky items that may interfere with the safe, rapid, and orderly exit of students in case of emergency are generally prohibited. 3. To facilitate consistency in decisions on questionable items, additional guidelines are outlined in Appendix A – Transportation of Specific Items, Pets, and Small Children. 4. Students may not use the transportation of any items or personal effects as reasoning for being the sole occupant of a seat or for taking up an extra seat. 5. The Manual for School Vehicle Operations produced by the Ministry of Transportation states that firearms or anything of a dangerous nature must not be transported while students are being carried. For the purposes of all vehicles contracted through the NPSSTS, this prohibition includes but is not limited to any and all paintball guns, BB guns, pellet guns, water guns, cap guns, and replica firearms, whether or not they fire ammunition. 6. Alcohol and illegal substances (i.e. drugs) are not permitted. If a



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	<p>student is found to be in possession of alcohol and/or illegal substances, the police may be called.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="479 357 1437 514">7. Cigarettes, lighters, matches, and all other smoking paraphernalia are not permitted. Any such items that are visible to the driver may be confiscated and turned in to the school principal, along with a Student Transportation Communication Report for the student in question.<li data-bbox="479 546 1437 808">8. Personal electronic devices are permitted; however, the NPSSTS recommends that such devices remain at home or stored out of sight during transportation. This includes but is not limited to cell phones, iPods, mp3 players, portable video game players, and laptops. The taking of photographic images (both still images and video) is prohibited without the express permission of the person(s) being photographed. Students accept full responsibility for any loss of or damage to their electronic devices during transportation.<li data-bbox="479 840 1437 934">9. Exceptions to the guidelines set out herein and in Appendix A are at the discretion of the applicable operator and school principal, and the NPSSTS must be advised of any such exceptions.
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