

 <p style="text-align: center;"> <small>DIVISION SCOLAIRE</small>  <b>LOUIS RIEL</b>  <small>SCHOOL DIVISION</small> </p>	<p><b>Guideline for Transporting Musical Instruments on School Buses</b></p>
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL</p>	<p>Supporting <a href="#">Policy EEAE</a></p>

In the Louis Riel School Division, student safety is paramount. Therefore, we have reviewed and updated our guidelines for transporting musical instruments on school buses.

All musical instruments transported in the passenger compartment of a school bus must be positioned in such a way that they do not block, impede, or obstruct the aisle, stairwell, or emergency exits of the bus at any time. In addition, musical instruments cannot impinge upon or interfere with another child's personal space while they are riding on a school bus.

Leg spacing on school buses range from 7 inches (or 18 cm) to 12 inches (or 31 cm). Instruments must either fit on a student's lap or fit within the leg space of each seat. Instruments on a school bus may not exceed 25 inches (or 63 cm) in length, 12 inches (or 31 cm) in width and 8 inches (or 20 cm) in height (including the case). No exceptions will be allowed.

Larger and bulky instruments shall not be allowed on a school bus at any time. Larger and bulky instruments are defined as those (including the case) that exceed 25 inches (or 63 cm) in length, 12 (or 31 cm) inches in width and 8 inches (or 20 cm) in height.

LRSD's list of permitted instruments on a school bus includes the following:

- Trumpet (19.5" X 22" X 10") (50cm x 56cm x 25 cm)
- Bass Clarinet (15.55" X 10.43" X 5.51") (39cm x 26cm x 14 cm)
- Flute (17.5" X 5" X 2") (44cm x 13cm x 5cm)
- Clarinet/Oboe (15.5" X 10.5" X 5.5") (39cm x 26cm x 14cm)
- Piccolo (11" X 3" X 2") (28cm x 7cm x 5cm)
- Alto Saxophone (25" X 12.5" X 7.5") (63cm x 32cm x 19cm)

**NOTE:** Trombone and Tenor Saxophones are permitted on band runs only. Band runs are defined as a regular scheduled run between two schools as part of the curriculum. Band runs do not include any special musical events.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUS DRIVERS:**

If a student shows up at a bus stop with a questionable instrument (lacking the appropriate approval sticker), please allow the student to board the bus and submit an incident report to the Transportation Department.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR MUSIC TEACHERS:**

An approval sticker must be affixed onto permitted musical instruments.