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## **7. EQUIPMENT ON VEHICLES**

**7A.1** Equipment related to regular school programs may be transported by the pupil on the vehicle provided that the items can be held comfortably on the pupil's lap and are encased or protected by guards. The driver may also designate a safe location on the vehicle for such items. The driver shall refuse to transport items deemed to be unsafe.

**7A.2** In the case of field trips, special arrangements may be requested by the principal, in advance, in order to transport equipment specifically related to the outing.

**7A.3** Pets, firearms, ammunition, explosives, dangerous weapons, drugs, alcoholic beverages and any glass containers (not properly secured to adequately protect and contain the breakage in the event of a collision to limit the possibility of further injury) shall not be permitted on the vehicle.

## **7B. Electronic Devices**

**7B.1** Pupils may be permitted to use portable electronic devices on the vehicle provided that they are equipped with personal listening devices (earphones) and the volume can be adjusted for the user's benefit only.

**7B.2** Drivers shall be responsible for maintaining a moderate volume level on all audio equipment (electronic devices) installed in the vehicle. Drivers shall not be permitted to use personal listening devices.

**7B.3** Drivers shall ensure that a two-way communication device is on and operational, on a continuous basis while driving their vehicle, in order to address safety issues should they arise. Use of the two-way communication device while driving must be in accordance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

## **Related RCJTC Administrative Procedures**

AP.01.23      Equipment on Vehicles Procedure

AP.01.25      Electronic Devices Procedure