

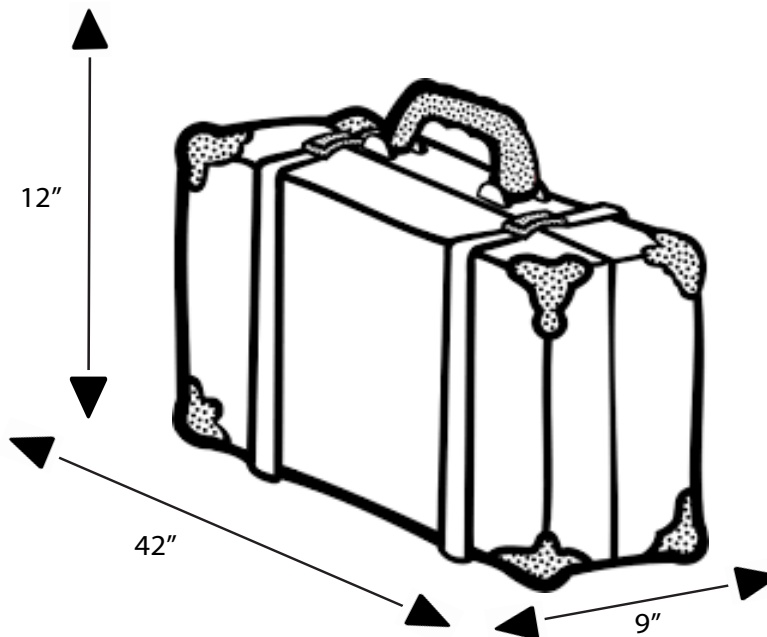
Guidelines for Choosing a Musical Instrument if Your Child Rides a Bus to School

Mukilteo School District

Participating in Band and Orchestra are important activities for school children and the District wants to do all it can to support their participation at school and at home. Unfortunately, some musical instruments cannot be safely transported on school buses. Washington law prohibits the transportation of these instruments in WAC #392-145-021 (3) which states, "**Heavy, sharp, bulky, and/or articles which may be hazardous in the event of an accident or emergency stop shall not be transported unsecured in the passenger area of any school bus. Specific attention is directed to items such as ... large musical instruments**".

To avoid disappointment for students who depend on school buses for transportation, we have developed the following guidelines to use when selecting an instrument for your student:

- Instrument cases can be no larger than 42 inches tall, 12 inches wide and 9 inches deep. (See diagram below),
- Instrument cases must be able to be held between the student's legs and the student must be able to control the case at all times, and
- The instrument, the student and all of their other belongings, including backpacks, cannot encroach, or take over another student's seat.



Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of safe student transportation. Sincerely,

The Mukilteo School District Transportation Department