Instructions for Equipment Bags and Carrier Straps

All international students in the Central Okanagan International Education Program are expected to all follow district School Bus Rider Rules as well as all Program Rules and Expectations when travelling on the ski shuttle and while at Big White Ski Resort.

Personal Items to Bring (related to ski & snowboard equipment)

1. Skis & poles or snowboard
2. Helmet – Students must wear a helmet on the hill. This is a requirement of our Program.
3. Easy to slip-on shoes - Shoes are required to be worn on the shuttle (all ski boots and snowboard boots must be transported in the equipment vans).
4. Dry socks – to put on for the end of the day

Transportation of Ski and Snowboarding Equipment

ALL ski and snowboard equipment MUST be transported to/from Big White in equipment vans.

- Ski/snowboard boots and helmets are considered *dangerous items* and if loose can cause injury in the event of a collision (as per the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations).

Ski Bags and Boot Carrier Straps

As part of the shuttle fee,

- Skiers will be provided with ski bags and boot bags/straps
- Snowboarders will be provided with a boot strap.

For ease of collection of ski and snowboard equipment at pick-up & drop-off locations and Big White Ski Resort, students must have

- Skis and poles stored in a ski bag
- Ski/snowboard boots and helmet linked together with a boot strap
    - If a student has their own boot bag, it can be used instead of a carrier strap.

Additional Ski Shuttle & Equipment Loading/Unloading Expectations

Students are assigned to a **ski shuttle bus** and an **equipment van**. Each equipment bag and boot carrier strap must have the attached nametag listing the student's name, their pick-up/drop-off location, assigned bus, and assigned equipment van. The nametag is color coded.

Please note that coordinating 200+ students, 6 buses, and 3 equipment vans is a complex process as well as the process of loading and unloading that amount of equipment. Therefore, students are required to ride their assigned bus and load their equipment into their assigned equipment van.

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Students are required to follow the instruction of the bus drivers, equipment van drivers, and ski shuttle supervisors.

Loading in the morning:

- All skis and poles need to be zipped into the ski bag.
- Boots should be connected by a carrier strap and the student's helmet should be looped onto the strap.
- Students are free to use their own boot & helmet bag if they have one.
- Students are expected to place their equipment as the driver of the equipment van instructs.
- Once their equipment is loaded into the equipment van, students need to board the ski shuttle.
- The bus driver will take attendance as students board the bus.
- If the driver or a supervisor asks to confirm a student's identity, the student should provide their Big White Seasons pass as photo identification as well as their SD23 shuttle bus card.

Unloading at Big White:

- After departing the bus, students should go to their assigned equipment van to help with unloading the equipment.
- Once all equipment is out of the van students can switch from their slip-on shoes into their boots and store their shoes with their empty equipment bag.
- Students must follow the instructions of the equipment van driver and ski shuttle supervisor about where to place the empty bags and carrier straps when not being used.

Loading at Big White:

- Students should arrive at the equipment van 15 minutes prior to departure at 3:30 pm.
- Plan the 'last run' so there is time to load equipment before departure.
- Change out of ski and snowboard boots into slip-on shoes
- Follow the instructions of the equipment van driver and ski shuttle supervisor about where to place the ski bags and boots/helmets.

IMPORTANT: Student must follow instructions about organizing equipment for easy management of equipment at multiple drop-off locations at the end of the day.

Thank you for following these Rules and Expectations. This allows everyone to have a safe and positive Ski Shuttle experience.