

HOVERBOARDS

On-campus transportation proposal by u/jamsi



Introduction

The modes of transportation used by wizards and witches are many, all the way from apparition and portkeys, to broomsticks and the floo network! They've even got flying horse-drawn carriages, hippogriffs, thestrals, and dragons if you're feeling adventurous enough. However, for a magical school that claims to be the best wizarding school, the Ministry's refusal to adopt muggle technology and advancements at Hogwarts, have held its students back in more ways than one. From being forced to use owls instead of emails or texts, to having to walk around on a 414,000 sq. feet campus from one class to another instead of being able to use bicycles, long-boards or hoverboards.

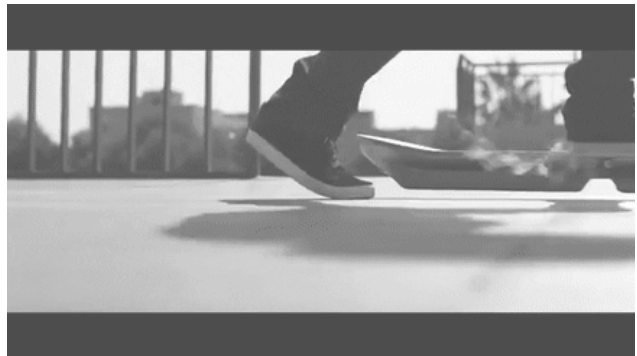
Hogwarts' Headmistress McGonagall is attempting to adopt changes at Hogwarts due to the large influx of muggle-born students that bring muggle technology to school which when adopted, would benefit the school and its students. Because the ministry refuses to adopt these changes, this proposal intends to convince both the special panel at the Ministry of Magic, and the Department of Magical Transportation as to why the adoption of the muggle hoverboards as a mode of on-campus transportation should be considered for Hogwarts.

The idea and benefits

The idea is to provide a new means of transportation on-campus for students that would help them get around Hogwarts quicker, in a safe, efficient manner. The proposal pushes forth the idea of adopting the muggle transportation called a *"Hoverboard"* that is a self-balancing board which supports one rider at a time, and is operated by the rider leaning forwards and backwards to move it in the desired direction. It is operated by using muggle-made batteries and sensors that allow it function without the use of magic.

With the powerful enchantments and spells available in the wizarding world, this mode of transportation can be improved upon and then incorporated in the day to day use for the students to make their lives easier. This will be done by not only saving the time taken to proceed from one class to the next, but to get around the entire campus in a safer and more efficient manner.

The enchantments placed on this board will allow it to hover without the use of muggle-batteries. However, the use of the muggle-made sensors will be powered by magic and allow more streamlined balancing, acceleration, and control when in use by a rider.



This mode of transportation will be a great first step and a test in the adoption of muggle transportation technology, whilst simultaneously filling a hole in the on-campus transportation that our brooms and magical stairs could not fill.

Possible obstacles and complications

The concerns with adopting muggle technologies exist for a reason, but if they are incorporated in a way that does not endanger the wizarding world, then they should be adopted. The immediate and biggest concern that the Ministry of Magic and the Department of Magical Transportation have with adopting muggle technologies is the possible breach of the ISS (International Statute of Secrecy). This is one of the oldest wizarding laws, created in 1689, and is still upheld by the wizards and witches. It includes guidelines for dressing, protecting wizarding secrets and magical creatures, and restricting the use of magic on and around muggles.

The adoption of technology, whilst not in direct breach of the law or statute, does fall under a gray area of *“possible exposure”* of the wizarding world to the muggles. However, by placing strict and specific guidelines on the use of the hoverboards, it would help in maintaining the wizarding world a secret. **Certain guidelines would include:**

1. Only models of hoverboards that are approved by the Department of Magical Transportation may be used
2. Enchantments will be placed, allowing the hoverboard to only hover, balance, and accelerate to speeds that are deemed safe
3. The enchantment allowing the hover, balance, and speed effects placed on the hoverboards will vanish if the hoverboard leaves the Hogwarts grounds. This will render the hoverboard utterly useless outside of Hogwarts

Furthermore, a formal request is attached with this proposal, that requests the formation of a Hovercraft Regulatory Board that will oversee such transportations. It will exist under the Department of Magical Transportation and serve alongside the Broom Regulatory Control, Portkey Office, Floo Network Authority, and the Apparition Test Centre.

This committee can then assist other wizarding schools in the safe adoption of hoverboards as a means of transportation, when it proves to be a success at Hogwarts.

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