

MLP: Equestria Girls
"Rockin' Bus" Music Video Short
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LOGLINE: The Rainbooms have a gig on the road and no way to get there. What are they gonna do? With Rainbow Dash leading the charge they get an old busted up school bus, which they transform into a rockin' cool bus.

SONG CONCEPT: No matter how bleak a situation looks, where there's a will (or seven wills) there's a way.

VISUAL CONCEPT: "From school bus to cool bus."

STORY BEATS:

ON: CANTERLOT HIGH SCHOOL DOORS. The Rainbooms (PINKIE PIE, RAINBOW DASH, TWILIGHT SPARKLE, APPLEJACK, FLUTTERSHY, SUNSET SHIMMER, and RARITY) dash out the door, big smiles on their faces. Rainbow Dash runs ahead, shredding it up on her guitar.

RAINBOW DASH

This gig is gonna be totally awesome! We're gonna drive the crowd wiiiild!

She stops playing and stops short and her smile fades. The others bump into her and their smiles fade too. They look around.

TWILIGHT SPARKLE:

We're not driving anyone anything. We don't have a ride!

WIDEN TO REVEAL: The parking lot is EMPTY! A tumbleweed blows through. Applejack kicks it and falls on her butt.

JUMP CUT: The girls sit on the ground, sad. Fluttershy's pet sits on her head looking sad too. "What are we gonna do?" moment. Rainbow Dash pulls the girls to standing.

JUMP CUT: The girls piled on an apple cart pushed by Granny Smith. It's reaaaally slow. They look deflated. JUMP CUT: The girls piled onto a unicycle (wearing helmets). They immediately topple. They land softly on the ground in a pile. Pinkie Pie's tambourine falls on her head. JUMP CUT: A busted up school bus appears sputtering and looking awful. It stops, the door opens, and Rainbow Dash leans out and hangs off the steps. Princess Luna is driving. The Rainbooms have big smiles on their faces. A side mirror falls off - their smiles disappear.

PUSH IN ON THE MIRROR: Sunset Shimmer smiles. PULL OUT: She's putting the side mirror back on. QUICK PAN: Rainbow Dash pops the hood and coughs at all the smoke.

SMOKE DISSOLVE: Dust inside the bus as Fluttershy sweeps. JUMP CUT: Rarity re-upholsters the seats and Pinkie Pie puts up party decorations. JUMP CUT: Applejack and Twilight Sparkle paint the bus. They playfully paint each other's noses. PAINT SWIRL TO REVEAL: The bus is rockin'! "From school bus to cool bus." They pile in, Rainbow Dash last. Just as she is getting on...

TRIXIE busts out the door, gesturing for them to waiiit! Rainbow Dash holds her hand out and pulls Trixie on. She hugs her. JUMP CUT: The girls inside the bus driving along. Rarity pulls out a rolling rack with costumes.

JUMP CUT: Each girl walks down the aisle of the bus like a runway (each starts with dirty clothes then pose at the end of the "runway" with fresh gig-ready threads). Trixie is last. At the end of the "runway" she throws down a poof of smoke.

SMOKE TRANSITION TO: The Rainbooms on stage rocking out. Rainbow Dash shreds it up and leaps off stage into the crowd and crowd surfs. The others jump off one-by-one in their own signature way. Fluttershy is last. She gingerly steps off the stage and into the crowd as if dipping her toe into a pool. The crowd surfs them toward the exit.

JUMP CUT: The girls rock out outside then inside their bus. They each leap out of the bus similarly to how they dashed out of the school doors in the open and end in a super cool pose outside the bus. The crowd goes wild! Trixie poofs herself into the pose.

Fade to black.