

ELKHART COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Transportation  
**SCHOOL BUS CONDUCT AND SAFETY RULES FOR PUPILS**

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1. The bus driver has the same relationship to the child as does the school teacher.  
It is the duty of the driver to maintain order on the bus at all times.
2. Obey the driver promptly and cheerfully. The driver is working for your safety and is your friend. Realize that he or she has a big responsibility and that it is your job to help.
3. Be careful in approaching bus stops. Walk on the left facing on-coming traffic where there are no sidewalks.
4. Avoid standing or playing on the road while waiting for the bus.
5. Do not destroy or damage surrounding property in any way while waiting for the bus.  
(Such damage results in the discontinuance of bus "stops".)
6. Help keep the bus on schedule - **be on time.**  
**The child is to be waiting at the proper boarding station when the school bus arrives.**
7. No pupil will enter or leave the bus until it has come to a full stop and the door has been opened by the driver.
8. Be seated promptly, sit three to a seat (elementary), and be careful not to block the aisles.  
No one is permitted to save seats. Remain seated until the bus stops.
9. Take your turn and avoid pushing when entering or leaving the bus.
10. Remember, loud talking, laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident. Classroom conduct is expected except for conversation in normal tones.
11. Pupils shall not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, hold, hit, or use their hands, feet or body in any objectionable manner.
12. No windows or doors will be opened or closed except by permission of the driver.
13. Help keep the bus clean, sanitary and orderly. Deposit refuse in the containers at the front of the bus or in school waste baskets. **No food shall be eaten on the bus.** (see exceptions to this rule in the field trip language)
14. Only band instruments that can be carried by the student without taking up room of another student or blocking the center aisle may be carried on the bus. Where there is a difference in the point of view of student, band director, and driver, the director of transportation shall make the determination.
15. No large objects will be carried on the bus (art projects, displays, science projects) that would take up room of another student or block the center aisle.
16. No animals (rodents, reptiles, insects, birds, etc.) will be allowed to be transported on the school bus