

## **EWEN-TROUT CREEK SCHOOL Transportation FAQs**

### **Isn't the school required to transport my student to school?**

School bus transportation is a privilege and not a right. The bus driver is the sole authority on the bus while students are being transported.

### **For the morning pick-up bus runs, what time should my student be at the bus stop?**

Please be at the designated stop at least five minutes before the scheduled stop time. Contact the school at 906-813-0620 X228 for bus driver information or pick-up times.

### **For the afternoon take-home bus runs, what time can I expect my student to be dropped off at their bus stop?**

Ridership varies. So, please be at the bus stop 10 minutes before and up to 10 minutes after the designated stop time. Contact the school at 906-813-0620 X228 for bus driver information or drop-off times.

### **Can my student use a different bus or a different stop other than those assigned to them?**

Yes, but communication is essential with the school office and school bus staff so that we can ensure the safe delivery of your student to the designated stop/s.

### **When can my student ride a bus to a friend's house?**

First, please provide a bus note or call the school office for students stating that they have your permission to do this. Second, ridership is granted by the bus

driver. If having a guest on a bus compromises the capacity of the bus and/or safety of the bus ride, the guest ridership request may be denied.

**Am I as a parent/guardian required to be a bus stop for my student?**

ETC's expectation is that a parent/guardian or designee will be present a bus stop for all kindergartners, first graders, and special needs students. Please contact the school office for any exception to this expectation.

**What about the safety of my student getting to and from the bus stop? There are no sidewalks where we live and it's not very safe walking on the busy road we live on.**

It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to see that a student gets safely to and from the bus stop. The school district establishes placement of the bus stops in accordance with the requirements of Michigan law.

**My student rides the bus infrequently or rarely. How do I go about confirming that s/he has a bus stop?**

Bus runs are "cleaned up" on a regular and routine basis. If your student hasn't ridden the bus over the course of one school week (five days), that stop is at risk for being removed from the run. This removal is more inclined to happen for stops that are:

- located on dead-end roads;
- servicing only one student and that student hasn't been riding.

If your student is resuming transportation services after not riding for an extended period of time, please contact the school office or bus driver to confirm your bus stop/s.

**How do I know when a bus is running late? And for what reasons?**

ETC uses various means to communicate busses that are running late and generally the reason why – for example PowerAnnouncement through email, text or phone call. Also, please call the school office if you have questions about a late bus.

**My child has to cross the street/highway to board the bus, what is the best way for them to cross?**

It is not possible for all stops to be right side stops. When the bus stop is a left side stop, the student should wait for the driver's signal and cross the street/highway at least 10 feet in front of the school bus for both pick-ups and drop-offs.

**Is my child required to remain silent on the bus and not talk to other students?**

For the safe operation of the school bus, noise on buses shall be kept at a minimum with students speaking in reasonable conversation voices. Students must be quiet at railroad crossings and other danger zones as designated by the bus driver.