



## ELK ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS RULES

1. Students shall ride only their assigned bus. Exceptions may be granted upon written request parents/guardians to the Director, Student Transportation for child care purposes. In emergency situations parents/guardians shall contact Student Transportation to request alternate arrangements. In emergency situations principals may make alternate arrangements and contact Student Transportation.
2. Students are expected to be at their designated boarding location five minutes prior to departure time.
3. Students are responsible for their personal property (Elk Island Public Schools shall not be responsible for lost or stolen property).
4. Directions, as given by the bus operator and/or individual(s) employed by EIPS, must be followed.
5. Students must sit in an assigned seat and remain seated while the bus is enroute.
6. All objects and parts of the body must be kept inside the bus.
7. While quiet conversation is permitted on the bus, unnecessary conversation with the bus operator is prohibited. There must be absolute silence at railway crossings.
8. Disruptive, destructive or unsafe behavior such as pushing, spitting, fighting, use of profane language or gestures, or the throwing of objects, or acts of vandalism are prohibited.
9. Eating or open beverage containers are not permitted. (Medical exemptions may be made upon written request to the Director, Student Transportation).
10. The use of personal cellular phones, cameras, and recording devices are prohibited on school buses. Electronic games or musical devices which do not emit noise are acceptable for use.
11. The use of tobacco or other smoking materials is prohibited on buses and at transfer stations.
12. Students will not be permitted to board or ride buses if conveying, using, or under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances.
13. The possession, use, or conveyance of potentially dangerous items is prohibited.
14. In conjunction with the *Traffic Safety Act*, skateboards, snowboards, skis and hockey sticks are not permitted on the bus. "Heelies" are also not permitted on the bus. All other articles transported must be fully contained in a canvas bag or case that the student can store under the seat of the bus.
15. Students must scan their bus pass each time they board or depart the bus.