

Elgin Independent School District

Department of Transportation

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2018 -2019 School Year

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Elgin ISD has the responsibility to transport over 2,100 students on school buses each day. Ensuring the accountability, safety and security of the students riding on those buses is our highest priority. EISD Transportation department officials have identified a system called **SMART Tag**, which places a tablet computer on each bus that is equipped with an RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Device) reader, mobile connectivity and GPS. Students will place their SMART Tag identification badges on the sensor of the computer tablet when loading and unloading the bus. (No student information is stored on the SMART Tag badges.) For this reason, students are required to wear SMART Tag badges each day to ensure all riders are accounted for when being picked up or dropped off. Therefore, it is crucial that students scan their SMART ID when boarding and departing the bus.

All students registered for transportation services will receive a plastic SMART Tag badge. SMART Tag badges will be required each time a child enters and exits the bus. We ask parents and guardians to help enforce this requirement so that students may take advantage of the privilege to ride the bus.

EISD drivers **will not** leave students unattended at their bus stop if a student forgets or loses his/her SMART Tag badge. However, a lost SMART TAG id badge must be replaced immediately. **Failure to use supplied SMART Tag badge will ultimately result in disciplinary action.**

Manually logging in each student, rather than utilizing the SMART Tag badge reader is more time consuming and can delay bus routes, which in turn may cause anxiety and missed or late bus stops along the route.

Any student who does not have their SMART Tag badge for **three (3) manual loads**, will have a referral written for not complying with bus expectations. Parents will be contacted and have three (3) school days to find their SMART Tag or purchase a replacement. After that time, parents will be notified that students will not be permitted to ride the bus until they produce their SMART Tag or tag receipt from their school campus.

- **Elementary Students:** Pay \$5 at their school office
- **Middle School* Students:** Pay \$5 at their school library
- **High School* Students:** Pay \$5 at their school counselor's office

* Note Middle School and High School students can use their school ID to activate SMART ID tag readers.

In most cases, students receive their new tag on the afternoon that they pay for it.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Transportation office at (512) 281-5751 or (512) 281-3434 ext. 1258.