

V. GENERAL RULES

1. Absences: Since state law requires students to be in school every day unless prevented by illness and since we should teach children responsibility, parents are asked to avoid requesting excuses for other reasons UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Parents are asked to notify the school before 8:45 AM when their child is absent. This can be done by calling the school office or sending a signed note to school.

If a student is absent because of illness, the teacher will send work home, if requested, and help the student with his/her schoolwork when the student returns to school.

If it is unavoidable that a student be absent for a reason other than illness (medical and dental appointments must be avoided as much as possible), parents are asked to contact the principal in advance, or send a note requesting permission to be excused at a specific time. Students absent for a reason other than illness are requested to have work completed upon their return to school. Missed tests or quizzes must be taken on the day the student returns to school. Also, children who have missed school may be kept in during noon hour or other “free” time so that teacher can help the student catch up. No student may leave school early unless a note requesting permission from the parents is presented to the principal or secretary, or the parents come to school requesting early dismissal.

2. Boots: Teachers are responsible for the boots the children in their room wear. Boots or some type of covering must be worn whenever the “boot” sign is up. Students that come to school without boots when the sign is posted will be expected to remain in their classroom during recess or remain on the cement east of the school. RED: Boots must be worn everywhere outdoors. YELLOW: Boots must be worn only off the cement.

3. Bus Rules: Ever since 1969, state law has mandated “fair and equal transportation” for all students in Minnesota “within the district of resident.”

For residents of the Edgerton School District (581) this means all children are automatically transported at our public expense to the school where they attend.

For out-of-district children attending the Edgerton Christian Schools, arrangements must be made with the public school of that district. That district must provide payment for the cost of all the transportation within that district. This may be done by bus or in some cases by car. Any cost incurred outside of the district of residence is paid by the parent. Example: Luverne district pays for transportation cost IN the Luverne district, but parents pay for the cost from the Luverne-Edgerton district line (boundary) into Edgerton. Any questions parents might have on this may be directed to the Transportation Committee.

Each year, the school must present a Transportation Safety Unit to promote safety in the busing of children. Among the items stressed are:

1. Students must obey instructions of the bus driver.
2. Students must remain in their seats at all times while bus is moving.
3. Students should not eat on the bus.
4. Students should cross the road at a safe distance in front of the bus only when the bus is completely stopped.
5. Students get on and off the bus only at the designated places, usually at home and at school, among other things.

Rules for Riding the Bus:

1. Student will obey driver at all times.
2. Student will be at bus stop on time.
3. Student will wait for bus off roadway.
4. Student will cross road in front of bus.
5. Student will keep head and hands inside bus.
6. Student will not change seats without permission.
7. Student will not shout, sing, or use profane language.
8. Student causing trouble will be suspended.
9. Student will not throw things.
10. Student will report damage to driver at once.
11. Student will pay for any damage to bus.
12. Student will keep bus clean.
13. Student will listen to driver in emergency.
14. The Bus Driver is authorized to assign seats.

4. Bus Loading Zone: During bus arrival and departure time (7:55-8:10 a.m. and 3:00-3:20 p.m.) please keep the busing zone clear. Students are required to cross the street to school only at the crosswalk during school hours, between 7:45 and 3:15. Bus drivers appreciate the space to maneuver more easily. Walkers and bike riders will be dismissed after the buses leave school.

5. Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones are prohibited during school hours. Cell phones may only be used at break with permission from a teacher. Cell phones must be SHUT OFF and kept in student lockers or student bags.

6. Child Nutrition Program: Nutritious lunches are served everyday at school. Although participation is voluntary, we encourage students to continue taking advantage of these low cost, nutritious meals. As specified in the national School Lunch regulations, each meal must meet the requirements of a Type A lunch. A Type A Meal must contain a minimum of the following:

1. two ounces of meat or meat alternate
2. three-fourths cup serving consisting of two or more vegetables or fruits or both
3. one slice of whole-grain or enriched bread or bread product
4. one-half pint of milk.

Children from families whose income is at or below levels set each year are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Information and applications are sent home each school year with the registration materials so parents may apply for free or reduced-price meals. Additional applications are available at the principal's office.

The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

In order for our hot lunch program to run smoothly, we need your help. Each noon we need two volunteer parents, grandparents, or friends to help serve hot lunch. If you would like to help serve hot lunch, please call the school office (442-6181). In addition, many families or individuals have been of great assistance to our hot lunch program through the donation of food. If you wish to donate food to our hot lunch program, please contact the office. We very much appreciate all donated food as this helps to keep the charge for the school lunch program at a minimum.