Disciplinary Guidelines

The Lake Travis Independent School District has the tremendous responsibility of transporting approximately 4,000 students on school buses each day to and from school. Ensuring the safety and security of the students riding on those buses is our highest priority. LTISD 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 ID badges on the sensor of the computer tablet when loading and unloading their bus. This ensures all riders are accounted. No student information is stored on the SMART tag ID badges.

All students registered for transportation services will receive a plastic SMART tag ID badge. SMART tag ID 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.

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

If a student does not have his/her SMART ID badge for three (3) consecutive days, Lake Travis ISD Transportation Department personnel will contact the parent. When a student receives the maximum number of warnings allowed, the student will be suspended from transportation services for the afternoon (PM) bus route only. Below is the maximum number of warnings allowed:

- Elementary students will receive **three (3) warnings** (12 consecutive days)
- Middle and high school students will receive **two (2) warnings** (9 consecutive days)

**Example:** If a high school does not have his/her SMART tag ID badge for three (3) consecutive days, the student will receive a warning and his/her parent will be contacted. If the student does not have his/her SMART tag ID badge for the next three (3) consecutive days (days 4, 5, and 6), the parent will be contacted again and informed that the student will be suspended from transportation services if the student does not obtain a replacement SMART tag ID badge within the next three days (days 7, 8, and 9). The student will not be allowed back on the bus until he/she has obtained a replacement SMART tag ID badge.

To purchase a replacement SMART tag ID badge, parents should contact their child’s respective campus front office or the Lake Travis ISD Transportation Department at 512-533-6070. Replacement badges are $5.00 each.