

Evangelical Christian School

Car Pool and Ride Share Policy

ECS does not transport students to or from school. All car pool and ride share agreements are strictly between the students and families involved. These arrangements also apply to all ECS-related activities not just transportation to and from school.

ECS expressly disclaims liability of any nature regarding car pool and ride share agreements. Any information we provide is strictly for the convenience of the user and in no way creates liability for ECS. Your use or knowledge of such information is your explicit consent to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend ECS, its directors, administration, employees, volunteers, and any others affiliated with ECS from liability of any nature.

In addition, ECS does not perform background investigations, criminal checks, or make any other inquiries on any car pool drivers or participants. This is fully the responsibility of the parents of the riders. ECS furthermore does not confirm the existence of or validity of the vehicle operator's license, vehicle owner's insurance coverage, or the condition/mechanical soundness of the vehicle itself. Again, it is the responsibility of the parents of the riders to ensure the legitimacy of these items.

Some suggestions for a smooth-running car pool are as follows:

For Drivers:

1. You are responsible for the children in your car! All children must wear seat belts in accordance with law.
2. Carry adequate insurance.
3. Be on time!!!
4. Any compensation or expense reimbursement you pay or receive is between the parties involved. Be fair in what you charge others and in the sharing of the responsibilities of car pooling. Do not allow one person in the pool to get stuck with the bulk of the work without adequate compensation.
5. Be extremely careful and alert in the parking lot where there is congestion. Do not use cell phones while on school property – stay focused!
6. Have all riders “ready” for drop off to avoid unnecessary delays and tie-ups.
7. Obey all traffic laws and drive defensively. Use your cell phone only in emergency and only when safe to do so – never text while driving.
8. Report to parents any continuous misbehavior by a student. You have the right to refuse to car pool any student.
9. Do your best to provide a cheerful atmosphere for your passengers.
10. School doors unlock at 7:45 a.m. Please do not drop off students any earlier.
11. The dismissal bell is at 3:10 p.m. Students are to be in their appropriate car as soon as possible afterward.

For Students:

1. Always wear a seat belt.
2. Be courteous and well behaved in the car. **No** loud talking.
3. Keep your arms and hands in the car and don't roll the windows up and down without the permission of the driver.
4. The car radio should be operated only by the driver.
5. During rainy weather, be sure your feet are clean before entering the car.
6. Be ready when your ride comes . . . at school or at home.
7. At school, when your ride arrives, walk carefully to the car and get in. **No** horseplay.
8. Remember to thank the driver for taking you.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If your ride is not here by 3:30 p.m., you are to wait **inside** the building until your ride arrives. Upper School Students are to go to the Courtside Café (snack bar) and Lower School students are to go to the Cafeteria. You are **not** to be outside, playing in the halls, in the gym, bathroom, or roaming around. This applies to **all** students.