



Ernie Pyle
School 90
— An Exploratory School —

2026-2027

Family Handbook

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to our school family! Whether you are new to Ernie Pyle or have been with us for years, we are so glad you are here. This handbook has useful information to help you and your child have a great experience.

My name is Jessica Barnes, and I am very excited to be your child's principal!

Our staff works hard every day to help your child learn. However, we cannot do it alone. We need to work together as a team to help your child grow and succeed. Here are a few simple ways you can help us support your child every day:

- **Get ready for school:** Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep, arrives on time, and wears appropriate school clothes. Our doors open at 7:25 a.m. Please make sure they are not late.
- **Stay in touch:** Keep communication open with your child's teacher. Please let us know if there are changes at home, and we will keep you updated on how they are doing at school.
- **Get involved:** Come to school events like parent nights, sports games, and music shows. You can also look into volunteering. When you show up, your child learns that school is important.

We want Ernie Pyle #90 to be a school that our students, families, and community are proud of. Thank you for helping us make this a wonderful school year!

If you ever have any questions, please start by contacting your child's teacher. If you need to reach me directly, you can call me at 317-226-4290 or email me at barnesj@myips.org.

Sincerely,

Jessica Barnes

Principal, Ernie Pyle #90



IPS Strategic Priorities for the 2025 Strategic Plan

1. Increase Access to Rigorous Curriculum and Instruction

Support adults at all levels of the system to build safe, engaging, and socially and emotionally supportive learning environments for students that ensure access to high-quality curriculum and instruction.

2. Promote Racial Equity

Strengthen and expand our work to eliminate opportunity gaps, align policies and talent decisions to IPS' anti-racism agenda, and build capacity for team members to persistently interrupt and address institutional bias.

3. Foster Authentic Engagement

Equip and engage families, team members, and the community in authentic and inclusive partnerships.

4. Operate and Fund Strategically

Strengthen the efficacy and equity of central office supports, services, and resource allocations.

IPS Mission

IPS empowers and educates all students to think critically, creatively, and responsibly, to embrace diversity, and to pursue their dreams with purpose.

IPS Vision

IPS is a family of excellent public schools in which every student has the opportunity to succeed and the power to create their own future.

Ernie Pyle's Mission Statement

To use the Paideia Philosophy to provide a foundation of skills, knowledge, ideas, and values for students to become creative and critical lifelong learners.

Ernie Pyle's Vision Statement

The values of the Paideia Philosophy guide every aspect of our educational practices. Successful education occurs when family, community, and the school accept the responsibility of helping each child reach their highest academic potential. Our vision is for each student to become an engaged and productive citizen able to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.



The Panther Way

Pyle Panthers are proud to be honest, kind and trustworthy.

We will not argue, put down or fight,
instead we will always do what is right.

Telling the truth and doing our best

To be fair and caring without rest.

Striving for excellence in all that we do,
to make right choices and think things through.

This is a promise between you and me.

The PANTHER WAY is the way to be!



School Day Schedule

7:25 m-2:45 pm

Students enter the building.....7:25 a.m.

Students are tardy at.....7:45 a.m.

Student pick-up time begins at.....2:25 p.m.

Office Hours.....7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

IPS Calendar 2026-2027

Dates on this calendar are subject to change and may be changed if necessary, to schedule makeup days, for days lost to emergency school closings, in order to meet the minimum number of student instructional days.

SY2026-27 Student & Staff School Calendar



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Summary of Days			
Students		Staff	
Semester 1	84	Semester	94
1 Asynchronous Days			
Semester 2	96	Semester	98
2 Asynchronous Days			
Total	180	Total	192

Districtwide PL Days	School-Based PL Days
- Tuesday, July 28 - Monday, August 3 - Tuesday, August 4 - Tuesday, November 3 - Tuesday, February 16	- Monday, July 27 - Thursday, August 6 - Friday, August 7 - Tuesday, September 8

July 3	Observance of Independence Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 21 - 23	New IPS Teacher Induction
July 24	Teacher Work Day
July 27	Staff Professional Development
July 28	Staff Professional Development
Aug 3 - 4	Staff Professional Development
Aug 5	Teacher Work Day
Aug 6 - 7	Staff Professional Development
Aug 10 - Oct 17	Quarter 1
Aug 10	First Day for Students
Sept 7	Labor Day - No School
Sept 8	Staff Professional Development - No School
Oct 12 - 16	Fall Break
Oct 28 - Dec 18	Quarter 2
Oct 23	Student Progress Conferences - Student Asynchronous Learning
Nov 3	Staff Professional Development - No School
Nov 25 - 27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 17	Last Student Day of 1st Semester
Dec 18	Records Day/Semester Close - No School
Dec 21 - Jan 1	Winter Break
Jan 4 - Mar 12	Quarter 3
Jan 4	First Student Day of Second Semester
Jan 18	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
Feb 15	President's Day - No School
Feb 16	Staff Professional Development - Student Asynchronous Learning
Mar 15 - 19	Spring Break
Mar 22 - May 27	Quarter 4
Mar 26	Student Progress Conferences - Student Asynchronous Learning
May 27	Last Day for Students
May 28	Records Day/Yearly Close - Staff Only
May 31	Memorial Day
June 18	Observance of Juneteenth



Family Calendar of School Events
Ernie Pyle #90, A Paideia School
Family Calendar 2026-2027

Back to School Night	August 7th at 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. Bring your child's school supplies, meet your child's teacher, have a treat and tour the school!
First Day of School	August 10th at 7:25am
IREAD Parent Meeting for Grades 2 and 3	August 17th from 3-4pm
Labor Day - NO SCHOOL	September 7th-8th
School Resumes	September 9th 7:25am
IREAD Parent Meeting for Grades 2 and 3	September 28th from 3-4pm
Fall Break - NO SCHOOL	October 12th - 16th
Conference Day (No school for students)	October 23rd (First Report Cards Go Home)
Fall Festival	October 29th 4:30 - 6pm
Fall Parties	October 30th
NO SCHOOL - Teachers in Training	November 3rd
Canned Food Drive	November 17th-25th
Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL	November 25-27th
Winter Program for Grades PreK-3rd	December 16th 1pm
Winter Break - NO SCHOOL	December 21st - January 3rd
Students Resume School	January 4th at 7:25am
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program	January 14th at 1pm
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School	January 18th
Behavior Specialist Appreciation Week	February 2-6th



Valentine's Day Parties	February 12th
President's Day - NO SCHOOL	February 15th
Asynchronous Learning Day (Online Learning - Independent)	February 16th
School Resumes	February 17th at 7:25am
Black History Month Living Museum	February 24th - 1-2pm
Read Across America Week	March 1st-5th
Social Worker Appreciation Week	March 8th-12th
Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	March 15th - 19th
Conference Day - Asynchronous Learning Day for Students (Online Learning)	March 26th
Assistant Principal Appreciation Week	April 5-9th
Chocolate Math Night for Grades K-2	April 1st 4:30-6:00pm
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 3rd - 7th
School Nurse Appreciation Day	May 12th
ENL Family Meeting	May 11th at 8-9 am and again at 3:00-4:00pm
Field Day	May 21st from 10-1pm
DPK Promotion Program	May 27th at 8am
Kindergarten Promotion Program	May 27th at 9am
5th Grade Promotion Program	May 27th at 10:30am
Last Day of School	May 27th

Address and Phone Changes

Please be sure to keep information on your child's enrollment form updated; such as phone number, address, work number, babysitter, etc. **It is imperative that the school has current information to contact a parent in the case of an emergency.** In an effort to reduce the amount of paper we use, the district and the school send messages to families through KINVO. It is therefore imperative that we have correct phone numbers and emails. **If you opt out of KINVO**



Messages, you will miss important information. If you don't give us your updated phone number, you will also miss out on important information.

Attendance

Absences/Attendance

If your child is absent from school, please call the **school office at 317-226-4290 before 8:00.m.** Homework requests must be made at the time of your call. If contact is not made between the school and the parent, your child will automatically receive an unexcused absence for that day. Absences are classified as excused for the following three reasons **only**:

1. Illness of the child
2. Death in the family
3. Serving as a page in the Indiana Legislature

All other absences, including vacations, are unexcused. Vacations should be planned during scheduled school breaks. Any student missing 3 or more consecutive days, must have a note from a physician in order for the absence to be excused. District policy requires the school to send a notification when a child has five absences and nine absences (excused or unexcused). After nine absences, you will need to provide medical documentation for all further absences.

Early Dismissals

If your child needs to leave school early, please send a note or call in the morning before 10:00am. Students will be called down only *after* their parent arrives in the office to sign them out of school.

Severe Weather/Emergency Closing of School

If it should become necessary to close school for any reason, the radio and television stations will be notified as early as possible. Be sure to listen for the closing of "**Indianapolis Public Schools**" whenever weather conditions seem extreme. **Note: You can also find this information on Social Media. KINVO Messages are also sent out through PowerSchool.**

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Student drop-off begins at 7:25 a.m. and student pick-up begins at 2:35 p.m. at the entrance. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THE FRONT. THIS IS WHERE OUR BUSES ARE AND IT CAN BE DANGEROUS.** Please be prompt! Only children who are enrolled before/after-school care may stay late or come early. Staff are not here to supervise your children until 7:25 am.

Tardiness Policy

Tardiness Policy: Tardiness will be defined as arriving at school after the 7:55 am bell. **A Parent or Guardian must sign a child into school after 7:55am.** Only students arriving late with a doctor's note will be considered an excused tardy.



Students traveling to school by bus should be at their bus stop 10 minutes prior to their pick up time. Students who are tardy due to a late bus will have their tardy marked as excused. After 4 unexcused days tardy, students will receive one of the following consequences:

- Suspension from after school activities
- Meeting with teacher and parent/guardian
- Meeting with school administration and parent/guardian
- Other appropriate, student specific consequences or interventions as determined by school administration.

A student will NEVER be denied access to school or class because they are tardy

At Ernie Pyle School 90, success is our priority, and the first step to ensuring student success is arriving at school on time and ready to learn. **Parents must escort their child into the school and sign them in when they are late.**

Breakfast/Lunch

All students will receive one free breakfast and lunch but can bring food from home as long as it follows healthy food guidelines.

Absolutely, NO soda, sports drinks, or candy can be included in lunches brought to school. If on occasion, you choose to bring your child a lunch, you will be required to eat in a designated location. A lunch brought from home must have a sandwich or some other form of protein. Students cannot just bring chips, desserts, and drinks. Students without a school lunch will be provided with one by our cafeteria.

Additional Breakfast and Lunch Price information as well as weekly menus can be found at <https://www.myips.org/central-services/foodservice/menus/>

Bullying

Bullying is prohibited in the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) as referenced in Indiana Code 20-33-8-0.2 and IPS Board Policy No. 5517.01

Bullying is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically), physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile environment.

Students may not engage in bullying on school grounds, or while traveling to or from a school or a school activity, function, or event. Further, bullying is prohibited off school



grounds while using property or equipment provided by the school or while attending a school activity, function, or event.

Administrators are responsible for informing students, parents, teachers, and staff that bullying will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion.

Further, principals or social workers are encouraged to engage students, staff, and parents in meaningful discussions about the negative aspects of bullying. The parent involvement may be through parent organizations already in place in each school.

Parents or students who suspect that bullying is taking place should report the matter to the principal or Social Worker. Upon receiving the report, the principal or Social Worker will investigate the matter at the building level and consequences will be assessed as appropriate, consistent with the Board's policy entitled "Student Discipline."

Celebrations

Students will have their names read on the morning announcements on their birthday. They will receive a birthday pencil from and a book to celebrate their birthday. Birthday parties/celebrations will NOT be allowed at school. No special deliveries of balloons or flowers will be allowed.

Teachers will share dates and times for Holiday Parties. Please check with your child's teacher to find out if any student in the classroom has food allergies before bringing in store bought treats. For health regulation reasons, students cannot bring in homemade food for class parties.

Discipline

Discipline Plan

Student discipline begins at the classroom level. Each classroom/grade level should have in place a classroom/grade level discipline plan that has stated expectations for ALL students as well as clearly outlined consequences for student misbehaviors. Discipline plans are shared with students as well as their parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year.

Step 1 - Verbal Warning/Reprimand

When the student misbehaves, disrupts, or fails to cooperate with the adult in charge; the student must be spoken to as soon as possible. The teacher / staff member will tell/remind the student not to engage in inappropriate behavior or give the student a reminder of the rule.



Step 2 – Conference

The second time the same student misbehaves, disrupts, or fails to cooperate, the teacher **IS TO CALL/CONTACT THE PARENT**. Staff members may conduct a conference with the student, parent, or both.

Step 3 – Intervention

The teacher will handle the third offense, by entering the misconduct in PowerSchool as a classroom incident. Contacting the parent and indicating that any additional offenses will

be referred to an administrator. Staff members may use one of the following interventions: Time-out, the temporary removal of a student from class to a designated buddy room; Restriction, the temporary denial of the student's right to participate in designated activities; and Written Communication, a letter, progress report, or other communication, sent to the parent/guardian.

Step 4 – Administrative Action

On the fourth offense, the staff member will email the principal. A call to the office can be made if the student is out of control and a staff member will be sent to remove the student. A written referral on the discipline system must be entered on the child. The administrator will determine the consequence.

Exceptions:

Physical altercations, weapons, drugs, cussing out a teacher, etc. Students involved in the aforementioned will be sent directly to the behavior facilitator and/or an administrator for their consequence.

Note: To review the IPS Student Conduct, please visit: <https://www.myips.org/student-family-references/student-code-of-conduct>

Emergency Drills

To ensure student safety, our school has a safety plan in place. (A copy of the safety plan is available at the main office.) Emergency drills such as fire drills, tornado drills, lockdown drills, etc., are practiced periodically throughout the year to ensure all students are aware of what should be done in any instance to protect everyone in case of a real emergency.

Field Trips



Written parent consent is needed for students to attend all field trips. Permission slips are typically sent home a week or more in advance. If there is a fee associated with the trip, it will be indicated on the permission slip and must be paid by the due date. All parents who want to assist with field trips must have a Volunteer Form on file with IPS before he/she can attend. <https://myips.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

While Field Trips are a privilege, there are also a special learning opportunity. Any student not adhering to the school/class rules can be excluded, but we offer the option for parents to attend and supervise their students. Parents will be notified if their child is unable to attend a field trip due to inappropriate behavior.

Health



Immunizations

According to IPS policy and Indiana State Law, it is mandatory that your child has his/her current shots before returning on July 31, 2025. We must have documentation on file signed by a health provider for each student. You may inquire about where to receive your child's immunizations by contacting the **Marion County Health Department at 317-221-2122 or visit the IPS webpage:**

<https://www.myips.org/family-support-resources/health-services>

Medication

Medicine, including aspirin and cough drops, cannot be brought to school or administered by the school without a signed medication form. Students who need to take prescribed medication must have an appropriate note signed by the physician and parent before the medication can be brought to school. All medicine must be in the **original container with an affixed label**. Medication forms will be sent home by request. **Indiana law prohibits the school from sending medication home with a student of elementary age without written permission from a parent/guardian.**

Student Illness

If your student becomes ill during the day, a parent/guardian or other emergency contact will be called to pick the student up immediately. The school does not have the means to care for ill students. Please be prompt in picking up your child as we do not want to cause the illness to spread to others. In case of a medical emergency, we will make every attempt to contact the parent/emergency contacts immediately. If no contact can be made, your child will be transported by ambulance at the parent's expense for emergency medical treatment if necessary.



Homework Policy

Homework is an essential part of your child's education. Most importantly, homework helps the teacher assess your student's understanding of new skills/concepts. It also builds students' confidence when they have mastered the skills/concepts and it helps them invest in their education. In addition, homework helps students become personally responsible and accountable, which are characteristics that are crucial to becoming a productive citizen. **Homework is 10% of a students' grade.** Therefore, a student that does not complete their homework will have a lower grade than one that does their homework.

There are times when your child may not have a paper activity to do but may have something like reading aloud to an adult for a reading log or reviewing math facts as part of their homework. **This is important work and is also considered homework!** Please communicate with your child about his/her homework. Remember, homework is practice to help move your child forward and to help them grow academically. Your support is vital to his/ her success.

You can help! Being involved in your child's education largely hinges on how you support your child at home with the day-to-day activities like homework completion and getting ready for each school day (eating breakfast, dressing appropriately, getting enough rest, getting exercise and spending time with friends). **We do not expect parents to DO homework!** We just ask your support so that your child has a predictable routine for getting it done.

Non-Custodial Parents

Indiana and federal law as well as School District Policy presumes that a student's non-custodial parent continues to be entitled to their parental rights. This includes access to student records, participation in parent-teacher conferences, and picking a student up from school at dismissal or for an appointment. If a custodial parent has a current court order that specifically limits a non-custodial parent's participation in school activities or access to the student at school, the custodial parent **MUST** present the court order to the school and any orders modified by the court.

Preferences of a custodial parent not supported by a court order **cannot be enforced**. If a request for a court order is pending, the custodial parent should meet with the Principal of the student's school to explain any circumstances that may result in harm to the student.



Personal /School Property

Cell Phone Guidelines

The Indiana General Assembly banned the use of wireless electronic devices in school. This means students cannot have cell phones, smart watches, personal tablets, and personal computers at school.



If a student brings a cell phone to school, the phone **MUST remain in the student's backpack, turned off, for the entire school day. If a cell phone is heard or seen, the phone will be confiscated immediately.** Only the student's custodial parent will be allowed to pick up the confiscated phone at the front office during school office hours.

The same rules apply for all other personal devices.

Lost and Found

All lost and found items will be placed in a box in the main hallway. All items in the Lost and Found will be discarded at the end of each quarter. Any items left at school two weeks after school ends or a student has withdrawn will be discarded.

Money to School

When sending money to school, please put it in an envelope with your child's name, room number, amount of money, and purpose of money written on the outside of the envelope.

Personal Property Responsibility

All students are responsible for their own belongings. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Label all clothing, footwear and book bags with first and last name. We recommend that names be on the inside of book bags to protect your student from strangers.
2. Do not bring more money than what is needed for daily expenses. Ernie Pyle is not responsible for money and valuables brought to school.
3. Each student is responsible for the care of all school materials provided. Students will be required to pay for lost and/or damaged items. This includes computers and tablets.
4. Gym shoes are required for PE class.
5. Personal items brought to school such as games, headphones, purses, etc. are at the student's own risk. Ernie Pyle is not responsible for students' personal items.
6. Students should not bring non-educational items to school, i.e. toys, cell phones, games, Nintendo DS, PSP, iPods or MP3 players unless otherwise informed.

School Property



All students must be escorted out of the building by an adult during the school day. No student is to be outside at any time during the school day without an adult. All school property is to be treated with respect at all times. Any child vandalizing property will be disciplined.

ERNIE PYLE
ELEMENTARY



Positive Behavior Program

Ernie Pyle Elementary strives to build a safe and nurturing environment for all students. We believe that building positive relationships is the most effective way to have a positive learning environment for our students.

We believe that it is important to celebrate positive behavior. At Ernie Pyle we utilize a positive behavior system called the P.R.I.D.E. Club. The system is designed to promote positive behaviors that students will use for a lifetime.

**Positive
Attitude**

Integrity

Excellence

Respect

Determination

Students are able to earn P.R.I.D.E. Club tickets throughout the school day and year for demonstrating positive behavior. P.R.I.D.E. Club tickets can be exchanged to earn prizes and parties throughout the school year.

Progress/Report Card/Grades

Report Cards/Conferences

Report cards are issued every nine weeks in IPS. Midterm progress reports are issued in the middle of each grading period to all students. Parent conferences are held annually on Parents-In-Touch Day. Additional conferences may be requested by the teacher/parent as needed.

Honors Celebrations/Awards

Each grading period/quarter we will honor our students who have demonstrated superior levels of academic achievement, citizenship, and attendance. The following levels of achievement will be recognized. (There may be other awards given in classrooms as well). Special area grades (Music, Art, and P.E.) are counted, too.

- **Perfect Attendance** – No absences (excused or unexcused), and no more than 2 tardies
- **Good Citizenship** – Consistently displays superior behavior Demonstrates the "Panther Way" in all areas of the school and in transit to and from home each day. This includes adherence to our school rules and bus rules.



- **High Honor Roll** (All A's)
- **Honor Roll** (All A's and B's – no C's)
- **Most Improved** – Can be behavior or academic (2 per classroom)

A School-wide ceremony will be held in May for Preschool, Kindergarten and 5th grade promotion.

Grades and Grading Scale

50% of a student's grade are assessments (tests and quizzes)

35% of a student's grade is independent classwork

10% of a student's grade is homework

5% of a student's grade is their citizenship.

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: Below 50-59%

LOWEST F: 50%



Indianapolis Public Schools' Uniform Policy

The Indianapolis Public Schools' dress code isn't just about how students look, it's about how students behave and achieve. Proper attire is the first step in creating a classroom environment that provides a laser focus on instruction, not fashion. Please click on the link below to review the dress code: <https://www.myips.org/students-families/uniforms/>

This list is not intended to be an exhaustive list of prohibited items. Clothing, accessories, and other items deemed disruptive, offensive, or contrary to the school's mission by the school administration may be prohibited.

Recess

Recess is a vital part of each child's school day. Weather permitting, at 32° and above, our children go outdoors for recess every day. Please dress your child according to the weather forecast. If for some reason your child should **NOT** go outdoors for an extended period of time (3 or more consecutive days), please send a note signed by your doctor. All students are required to follow the instructions of the staff on duty during recess.



Social Media

Watch for postings on social media of upcoming school events as well as pictures of your students participating in exciting things at Ernie Pyle #90!



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IPSErniePyle90/>



Instagram @erniepyle90



@ErniePyle90

School Web Page: <https://myips.org/erniepyle/>

Photographs

Unless you turn in the form at the back of this handbook stating that you do not want your child photographed, we will use your child's photos for IPS and Ernie Pyle's social media.

Student Records

If your child changes schools during the school year, we will forward your student's records to the new school when we receive a request from the receiving school.

Title IX

Complaints or reports alleging sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, stalking, or gender discrimination, including sexual orientation or gender identity, involving an IPS student, employee, or person affiliated with IPS should be immediately reported to the Title IX Coordinator at TitleIXCoordinator@myips.org. Complaints or reports may be made anonymously, but no disciplinary action will be taken against an alleged aggressor solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

Transportation Information



Bus Conduct, Safety Rules, and Consequences

To promote a safe, orderly, efficient, and enjoyable bus ride to and from school, the rules listed below must be followed by all students.

Bus Information (Safety and Misbehavior)



Parents will be notified when bus rules are broken or when students are uncooperative with the bus driver or monitor. Repeated bus misbehavior will result in suspension from the bus. **If a student is suspended from the bus because of improper bus behavior, it is the parents' responsibility to get the child to and from school on time during the suspension. Absences resulting from a suspension from the bus are not excused.** Continued misbehavior will result in your child being removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Bus Conduct

1. Arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes before pick-up time. The driver is NOT permitted to wait for students.
2. When the bus arrives, stand back from the curb or stopping point and wait until the bus comes to a full stop.
3. Never reach through the window to take an item from a friend. Do not put your head or arms out of the windows when on the bus. No object is to be thrown into, out of, or inside the bus.
4. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
5. Students are expected to be courteous and obedient to the driver.
6. Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, weapons, explosives, or any other dangerous items are not allowed.
7. The possession or ignition of matches, lighters, etc. is prohibited.
8. Students must not use obscene language, gestures or gang signs.
9. Fighting, yelling or loud talking is not permitted.
10. Harassment or intimidation of others is not permitted.
11. Students will never use the rear emergency exit except when requested by the bus driver.
12. Willful destruction or defacing of school buses or private property surrounding school bus stops is prohibited.
13. Students are expected to remain in their seats until directed to get up.
14. Cell phones must be off and put away on the bus.

First View App:

You can track your student's bus on the First View App. You will need to register after you download the First View App to your smartphone. (Indianapolis Schools)



ParentView
Introducing a new way to track your child's bus

GET MESSAGES FROM YOUR DISTRICT OR DEPOT
From delays to important schedule changes. Stay in the know!

KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS
Check bus progression with GPS tracking.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CONFIRMATION
Know when the bus arrives at your child's school and stop.

PARENT SUPPORT
Dedicated support at your fingertips.

MULTIPLE KIDS - ONE APP
Easily track all of your students at one time.

PUSH NOTIFICATIONS
Get in-app alerts when the bus is getting close.

This app helps make my families morning less hectic! -Lacey's Mom

It's my alarm when the bus is close. -Lacey, Highschool Student

It's easy to use! -Mark's Grandmother

Available on the Google Play and App Store. **FIRSTstudent**

Contact Customer Support at 1.888.889.8820 or support@firstviewapp.com to learn more.

When will I see the bus on the map?
As long as the vehicle's GPS unit is working properly, the bus icon appears on the map 15 minutes before your student's route is scheduled to begin and disappears 5 minutes after the bus arrives at the destination.

How do I track the bus?
Once you enter your student's stop into your Profile, it will automatically appear on the ParentView map. Below is a quick explanation for each icon.

	Shows the location of your student's stop.
	Shows the location of your student's school.
	Shows the location of the vehicle (bus) and the direction of vehicle travel (arrow).
	Provides the tracking status once your student's route begins. All AM tracking information will drop off the map view list after noon each day. Similarly, all PM stops will drop off after midnight.
	Refresh icon in the upper left-hand corner of the map lets you know the app is working and updating.

Can I follow more than one stop?
Yes! Buses for all your students can be tracked with ParentView. Using individual colors for each student, every selected stop appears on the map simultaneously for easy viewing.

Is it possible to send notifications to my childcare provider and my work email address?
Yes! ParentView users can go to "Settings" and add up to three email addresses as "notification recipients" to get push notifications forwarded to their email.

I need to change my student's bus stop or home address. Can I do that within the app?
No. If you have changes or questions about your student's bus stop or home address, please contact your school district office.

How do I contact customer support?
There are many ways to contact our dedicated FirstView® customer support team Monday through Friday:
• Call toll-free 888-889-8820 from 7:00 am ET to 5:00 pm ET;
• Email Support at support@firstviewapp.com; or
• Use the in-app envelope icon to provide feedback.

IPS Transportation

If the bus is late, please call transportation at 317-226-4500.

Transportation Policy

Please adhere to these procedures for the safety of **YOUR** child.

- If you choose to change your child's transportation mode temporarily or permanently, you must send a note/or email to your child's teacher. The notes must be turned in before or on the day of the transportation change. We will not accept transportation changes by phone. If you fail to send a note or email, the student will be sent home using their normal transportation method.
- Car Riders:** We are concerned about the safety of the students being dropped off across the street due to the car and bus traffic on 18th Street. Please use the Car Riders' line **only**. Pull up as far as possible along the curb into the Car Riders' line when dropping off/picking up your child(ren). This will prevent accidents, cars blocking the bus driveway, and traffic backing up onto Tibbs Avenue.

We will dismiss small groups of students at a time. Other drivers must wait until those cars are loaded and released before pulling forward in the pick-up lane. More small groups of students will then be released, and the process will continue until all students are dismissed.



We are asking all drivers to please pick students up in the car riders' line only. Do not park and walk up to the front door to get your students, unless you have a scheduled meeting with a staff member. This will help to ensure the safety of our students as well as drivers.

3. All students **must** be picked up by **2:45 pm** unless the student is after-school childcare or a participant in an after-school activity. Siblings may not stay if they are not part of the after-school sport or club. If late pick-ups occur, you will be asked to meet with school officials. IPS Police will be called for excessive lateness.

REMEMBER: The Indiana State Law requires that children ages birth to 8 years of age are required to be restrained in a federally approved car seat or booster seat that is appropriate for the child's height and weight. Children older than 8 years of age are required to be restrained with a seat belt. **Failure to do so is a Class D infraction.** Please note that it is our duty to report persons who fail to properly restrain children to the appropriate authorities.

Visitors

All visitors must enter through the front entrance and report to the Main Office. Visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's badge to go beyond the reception area. Visitors must wear their badge and visit only the assigned areas while in the building. When visitors leave the building, they are required to stop in the main office and sign out. Our students' safety is a priority to us! Parents are always welcome at Ernie Pyle Elementary and may visit during the appropriate times. However, an appointment should always be made with the teacher in order to have a conference. By scheduling an appointment to discuss student progress and concerns, we are not disrupting classroom instruction.

Volunteer Information

To volunteer at Ernie Pyle, you must complete a Criminal History Background Check form. Forms will be processed through our Human Resources Division and approval/denial information will be sent to the school. Forms are available online and must be completed each school year. To access the form, visit <https://myips.org/get-involved/volunteer/>



Ernie Pyle 90, A Paideia School Non-Photograph Form for 2026-2027



I, _____, the parent or legal guardian of
_____ [Child] **do not want** my child to be photographed by the
school for use on social media.

I understand that this does not pertain to yearly school photos and photos for the school
yearbook.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

**Return form to the school office only if you do NOT
wish your child to be photographed.**