

# Benefits Everyone!

## CHILDREN:

- It's FUN!
- Enhances personal safety
- Increases physical activity and health
- Improves school performance
- Builds traffic safety skills
- Fosters enjoyment of the outdoors
- Strengthens relationships with friends

## PARENTS & CARETAKERS:

- Quality time with child if walking with them
- Peace of mind knowing child is safer
- Reduced drive time
- Saves money by not driving daily
- Better classroom behavior
- Child arrives to school energized and ready to learn

## COMMUNITY:

- Improves air quality
- Reduced traffic noise and congestion
- More people walking and biking creates community



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## What is a Walking School Bus?



A Walking School Bus is a group of students walking safely with trained and screened adult volunteers along a set route to school on a daily basis.

If a child lives a short distance from a Walking School Bus route, he or she can walk to join the route at dedicated stops near their homes.

Children living further from the school can join the Walking School Bus by being taken to a “Stop and Walk” location at the beginning of the route where volunteers will be present.

## Who can join the Walking School Bus?

### ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!

Just sign up at your child’s school when they offer registration for the Walking School Bus program. Parents and caretakers of children enrolled in the WSB are welcome to walk with the bus whenever they are available.

### VOLUNTEERS

The Walking School Bus will be accompanied by at least two trained, adult volunteers at all times.

These volunteers can be parents, grandparents or community members who have passed a background check and are official school district volunteers.

To learn more, call  
**509.324.1452**

## Roles and Responsibilities

### PARENTS & CARETAKERS:

- Assist children in dressing for the weather
- Ensure children are ready to go at pick up time
- Reinforce the Walking School Bus rules
- Notify the Safe Routes to School liaison of absences

### STUDENTS:

- Follow the rules at all times
- Respect other participants and volunteers
- Obey traffic laws
- Respect property
- Have FUN!

### VOLUNTEERS:

- Meet all eligibility and training requirements
- Regularly accompany children to school
- Encourage students to obey traffic laws and school rules
- Report to the Safe Routes to School liaison

