



Parent Consent Form for the Walking School Bus Program

Date: _____

Route: _____

Purpose and Explanation of the Program

A "Walking School Bus" is powered by legs rather than an engine, designed for students who live within a mile of the school. It allows a designated adult supervisor ("bus driver") to "pick up" student walkers at a designated meeting place on the way to school. The group of students walk to school, quickly and safely, along a set route and under the guidance of trained adult supervisors, all the while enjoying fresh air, exercise and conversation.

The goals of the Walking School Bus Program include the following:

- ◆ Increase daily physical activity for children and adults in the neighborhood.
- ◆ Increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- ◆ Reduce traffic around the neighborhood and school.
- ◆ Increase community connections by helping neighbors to get to know one another.

Potential Risks

The Walking School Bus Program is intended to reduce the risk of injury to children as they travel to and from school through the use of adult supervision. However, there are risks associated with child pedestrians. These specific risks include injury as a result of motor vehicle crashes, a fall, overexertion, or carelessness.

Voluntary Consent

I certify that I have read this consent form or it has been read to me and that I understand the program and its risks. A copy of this consent form will be given to me. By signing this consent form, I agree to allow my child to participate in this program.

Child's name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Printed name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____

My child can:

_____ Be picked up/dropped off at **<Insert designated stop>**

My child will participate:

_____ Both a.m. and p.m. _____ a.m. only _____ p.m. only

On the following days: _____ Mon-Fri _____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday
_____ Friday

Pictures of my child may be used in promotion materials for the program. _____ Yes _____ No