

# Walking School Bus FAQs

- 1. Do I need to walk with my student?*  
No! All our regularly-scheduled volunteers are background checked and fingerprinted, so rest assured your student is safe walking with the group. You are more than welcome to walk with your student if you'd like. Just be sure to keep him/her with the group.
- 2. What time do we drop our student off in the morning?*  
Drop-off at both stop locations is between 7:15 AM and 7:25 AM.
- 3. What time do we pick our student up in the afternoon?*  
Pick-up is at both stop locations is between 3:15 PM and 3:20 PM.
- 4. Can I pick my student up at a closer spot along the route?*  
For the safety of ALL the students, pick-up is only allowed at the designated areas. Our volunteers are focused on ensuring students arrive at the designated area and to the appropriate guardian, so they can't stop along the way.
- 5. Do we have to pay for Walking School Bus?*  
NO! Walking School Bus is a totally FREE program!
- 6. How can I help my student stay cool on hotter days?*  
We encourage you to send a water bottle (perhaps steel/insulated with ice so it remains cold), an umbrella, a hat, and/or a personal misting spray bottle. Please just remind students to keep items in their backpacks until dismissal.
- 7. Can I have my student do Walking School Bus some days and another form of transportation others?*  
Yes. Walk as it fits best with your family's schedule. Any opportunity to get out and be active is better than none.
- 8. What if I need to change my student's pick-up arrangement on a day he/she is supposed to be on Walking School Bus?*  
The easiest way is to email Mrs. Rysdyk at: [kmaldag@laveeneld.org](mailto:kmaldag@laveeneld.org) so she can give volunteers a heads up (and send your student where he/she is supposed to be if they do end up lining up with us).
- 9. Can I earn volunteer hours if I want to help supervise with Walking School Bus?*  
Absolutely! However, our volunteers must have a fingerprint clearance card and a clear background check. If you already possess a card, please let Mrs. Rysdyk know. If you do not, please arrange to get fingerprinted so that we can add you to the schedule.
- 10. If I'm running late may I have a friend or family member pick up my student?*  
This is permitted ONLY if Mrs. Rysdyk has received notification BEFORE 2:50 PM. Please call the front office at 602-237-3046. The afternoons are extremely busy, and she is unable to check her email after this time.
- 11. What if I don't make it by pick-up time?*  
Fear not. Your student will not be left alone. Our volunteers will safely walk him/her back to the office where he/she can wait safely. We always contact you prior to walking your student back (or once we arrive at the office in the event we are unable to get a hold of you), so please ensure your contact information is correct.